

The human hippocampus in Alzheimer's disease

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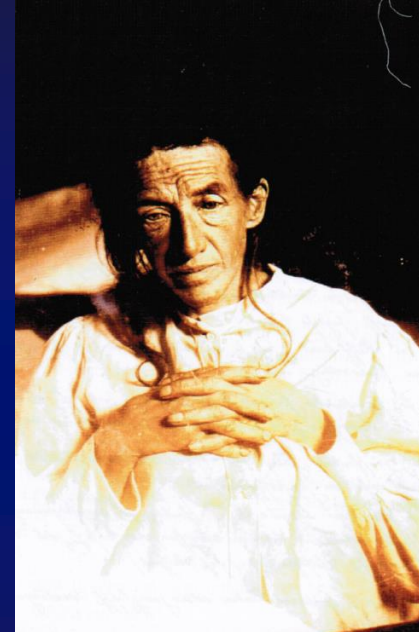
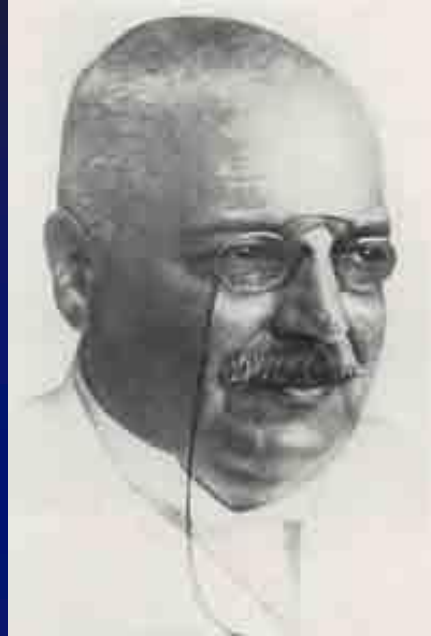
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Alzheimer's disease

- 1st cause of dementia: 1st cause of institutionnalisation, age= main risk factor
→ exponential increase of prevalence with age
- 54% estimated increase in the number of cases in 20 years;
- The total medical (10%) and medico-social (90%) cost in France was estimated to exceed 10 billion euros in 2005 (>>> costs induced by cancer or cerebro-vascular disease) + psychological burden for the patients and their family
- No available curative treatment (and symptomatic treatments not reimbursed anymore)

Alois Alzheimer (1906)



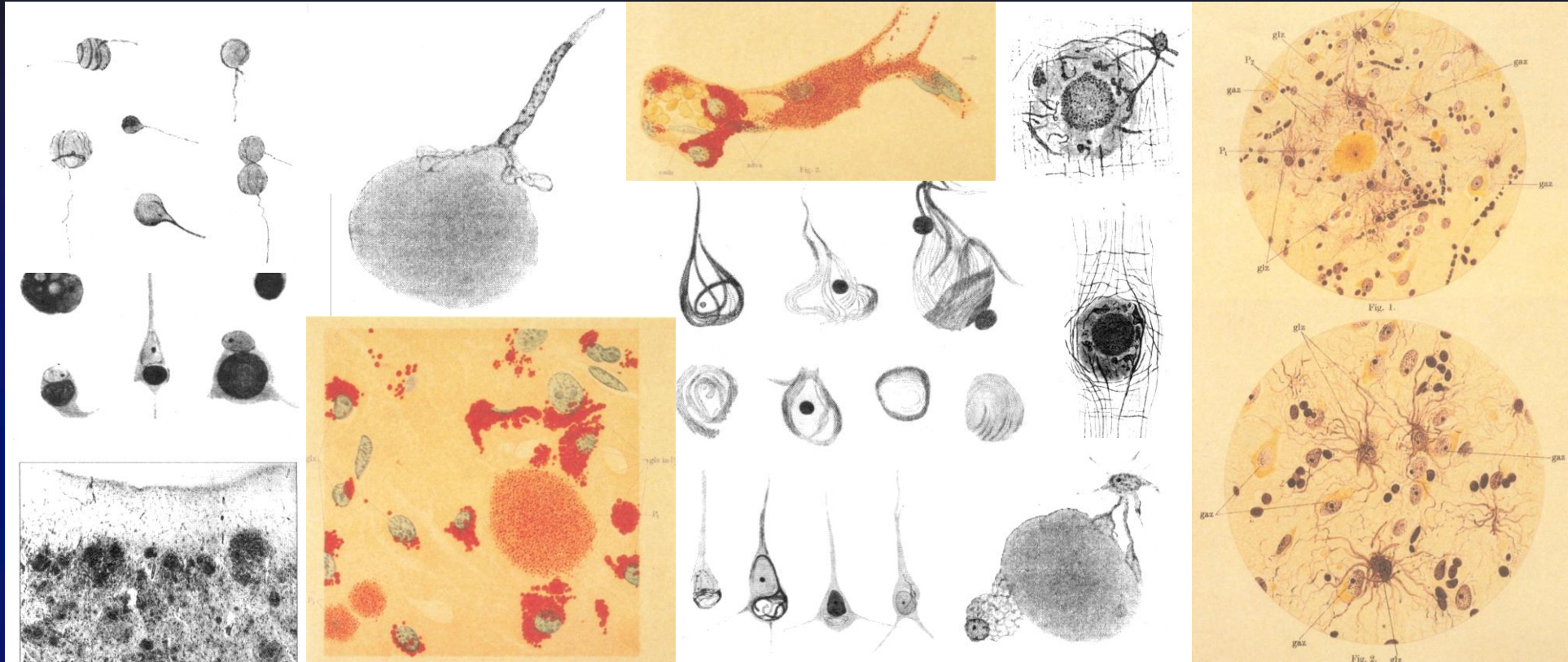
The physician who described the first case with AD = Auguste D

*Pictures: **Alzheimer: 100 years and beyond**. M. Jucker, K. Beyreuther, C. Haass, R Nitsch and Y. Christen (eds.) , 2006, Berlin; Heidelberg; New York: Springer*

The clinical signs and their evolution

« [...] she started to have difficulty in remembering things. Two months later, she started making mistakes in preparing meals, paced nervously and without reason in the apartment, and was not careful with the household money. She progressively became worse. [...] »

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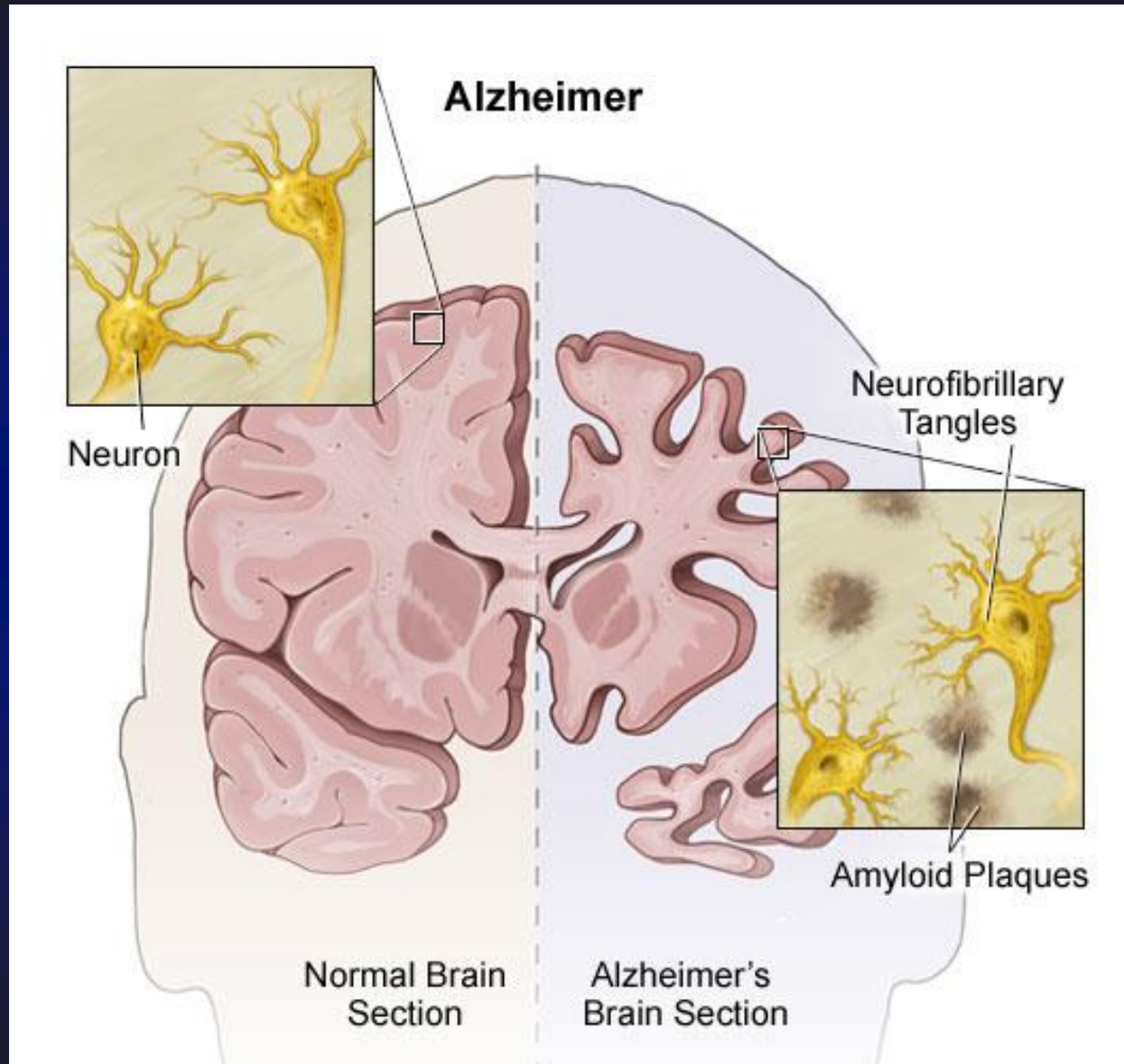


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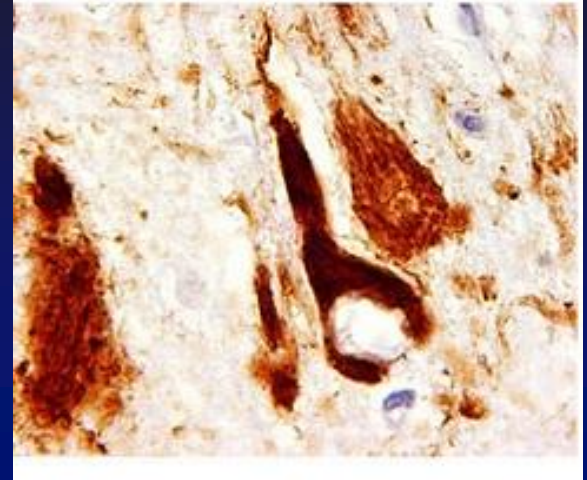
The Neuropathology

« The autopsy showed a uniformly **atrophic** brain without any macroscopic focal abnormalities. [...] In the centre of an otherwise almost normal cell there stands out one or several **fibrils** due to their characteristic thickness and peculiar impregnability. Numerous small miliary foci [**amyloid plaques**] are found in the superior layers. They are determined by the storage of a peculiar material in the cortex. All in all we have to face a peculiar disease process [which has] been verified recently in large numbers. »

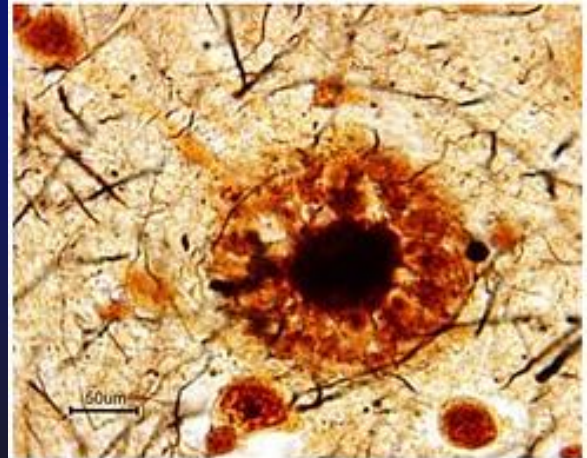
NEUROPATHOLOGY



Neurofibrillary Tangles

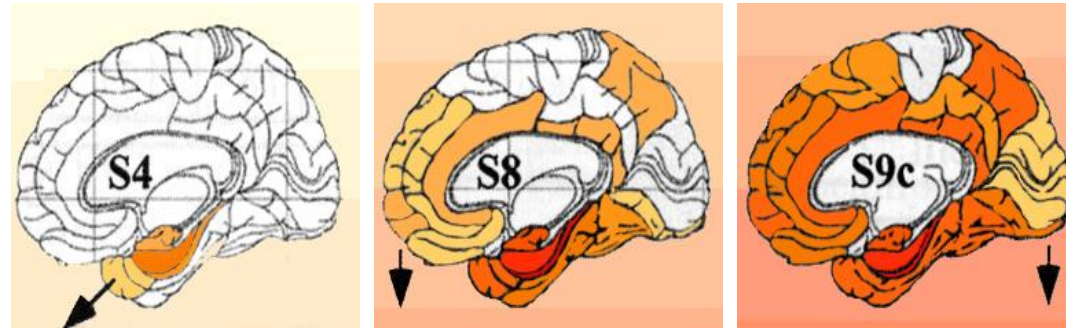


Plaques



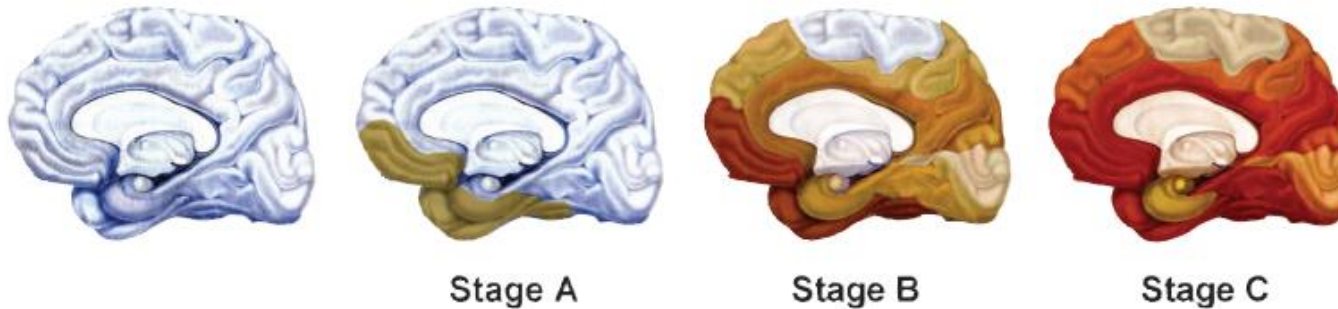
TANGLES AND PLAQUES

Neurofibrillary tangles Progression



- 1) Entorhinal – Hippocampal area ;
- 2) Temporal;
- 3) Frontal;
- 5) All associative neocortex
- 6) Primary cortex and cerebellum

Plaque Progression

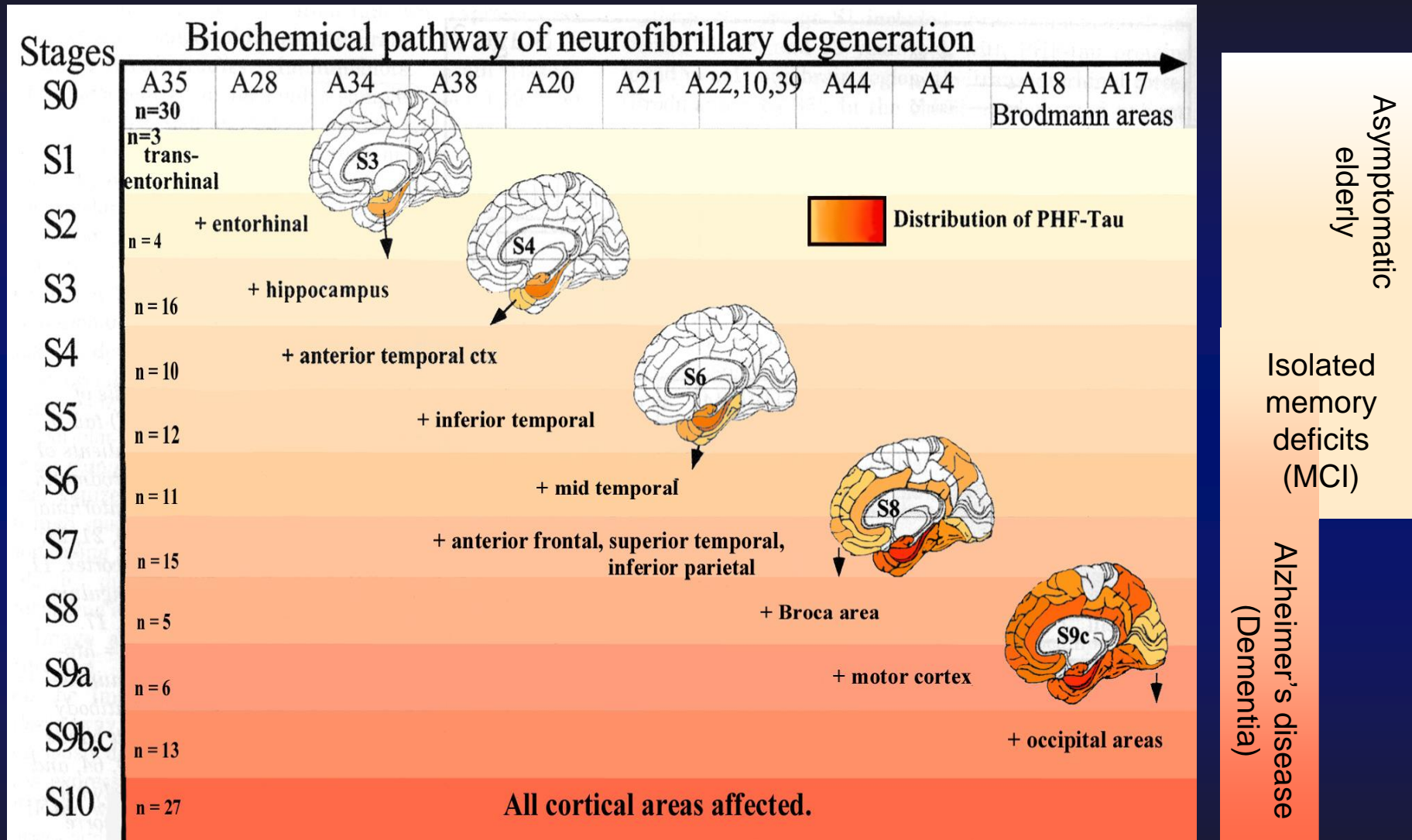


- 1) Neocortex ;
- 2) Entorhinal – Hippocampal area ;
- 3) Subcortical nuclei ;
- 4) Brainstem ;
- 5) Cerebellum

Already present at the asymptomatic stage: A β deposition starts accumulating 20-30 years before the clinical manifestation of dementia

From Thal et al., Braak & Braak, Duyckaerts et al., Delacourte et al., Price et al.

NEUROPATHOLOGY: neurofibrillary tangles





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- Neuritic plaques **preferentially target layer III** of the cerebral neocortex, which is involved in **cortico-cortical connections**.
- Tangles target **select neuronal types** (middle-size, poorly myelinated projection neurons with a long and thin axon such as pyramidal neurons) **while by-passing others** that resist the pathology (heavily myelinated projection neurons, local circuit neurons, short axon projection cells/small neurons such as granule cells) (See also Del Tredici & Braak*).

PRE-DEMENTIA STAGE

Asymptomatic
stage

Subjective Cognitive
Decline (SCD)

Amnestic Mild cognitive
impairment (MCI)

Clinical diagnosis

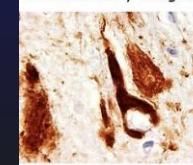
Deficits of memory
(episodic) + other cognitive
function(s) + *impact on
daily functioning*

Alzheimer's
disease
DEMENTIA
STAGE

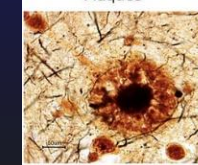


Neuropathological diagnosis

Neurofibrillary Tangles



Plaques



DIAGNOSIS CRITERIA

NINCDS-ADRDA (Mc Khann et al., 1984) / DSMV:

Probable AD: Presence of **multiple cognitive deficits (gradual and progressive change)**, one of which being **memory impairment** and the other(s) being *aphasia, apraxia, agnosia* or deficits in *executive functioning*. The deficits must **affect daily activities** (social and occupational functioning)

Post-mortem diagnosis: presence of **amyloid deposition, neurofibrillary tangles** and **neuronal loss** in specific brain areas

→ **Proposition of new criteria since 2008** (cf next slides)

La démence = **trouble neurocognitif majeur** dans le DSM-5:

Déclin cognitif qui compromet l'indépendance de la personne.

Les symptômes varient selon les types de démence dont le plus fréquent est la **maladie d'Alzheimer**.

Clinical presentation

Other neurological
and psychiatric
etiologies

Definite

Neuropathological features

Clinically
healthy
individuals

'atypical'
clinical
presentations

Meta-analysis from Knopman *et al.*, 2001:

probable AD : Se = 81% ; Sp= 70%

possible AD : Se= 93% ; Sp= 48%

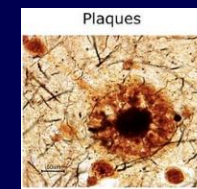
Critères diagnostiques
cliniques (NINCDS-
ADRDA,
Mc Khann *et al.*, **1984**)

Déficit de mémoire (épisode)
+ d'une autre fonction cognitive
+ *impact sur les activités
quotidiennes*

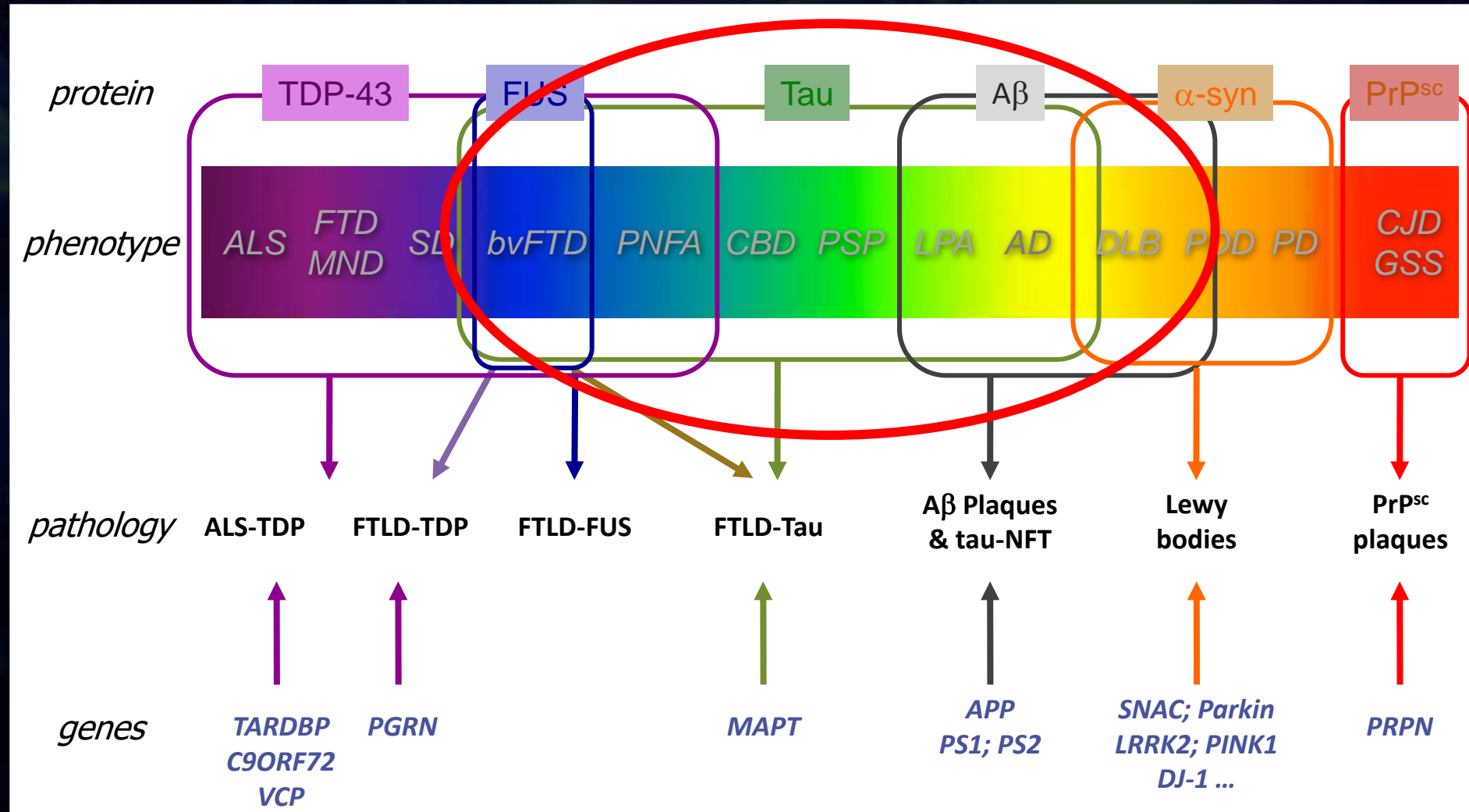
Maladie d'Alzheimer
STADE DEMENTIEL



Diagnostic neuropathologique

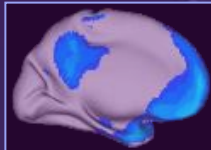
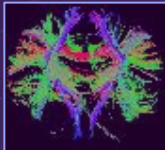


Clinical, genetic and pathological spectrum of proteinopathies

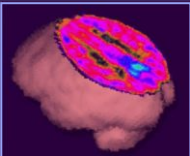


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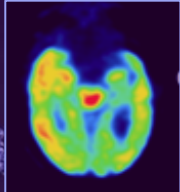


Loss of Connections
Between Neurons



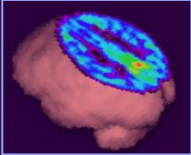
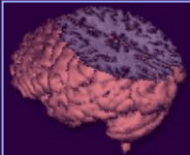
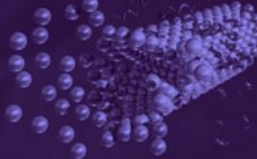
Amyloid Plaque

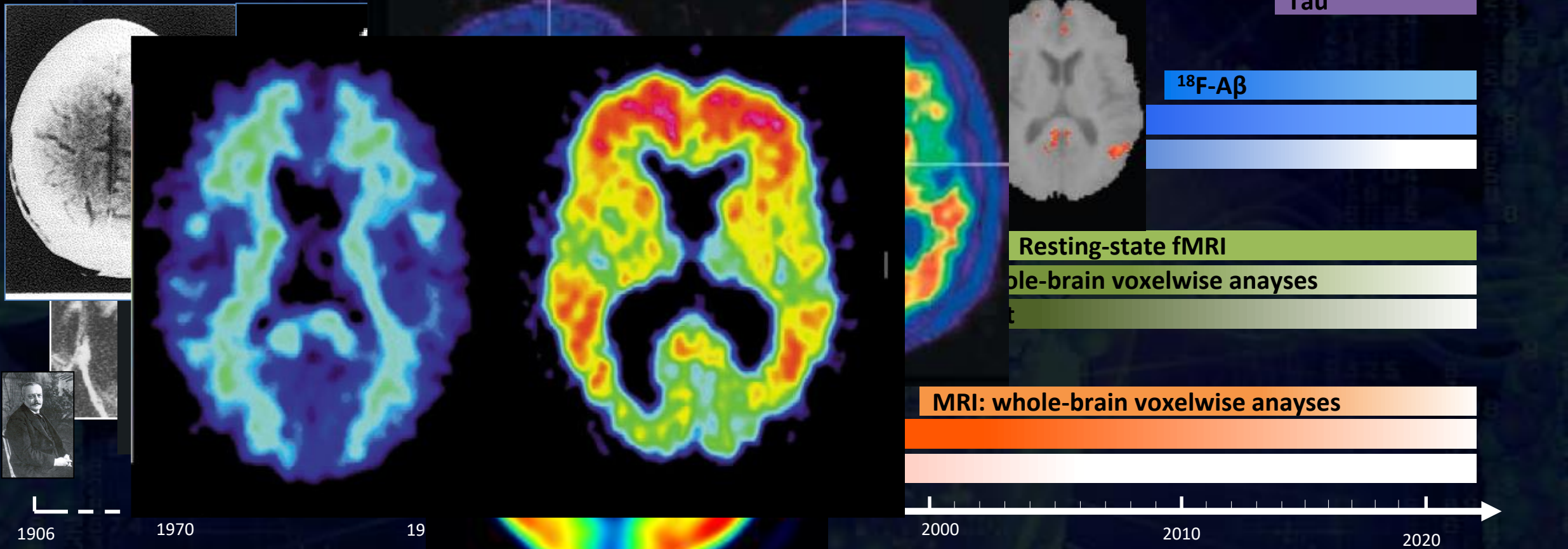
Cleaved Beta-amyloid



Neurofibrillary Tangle

Disintegrating
Microtubule



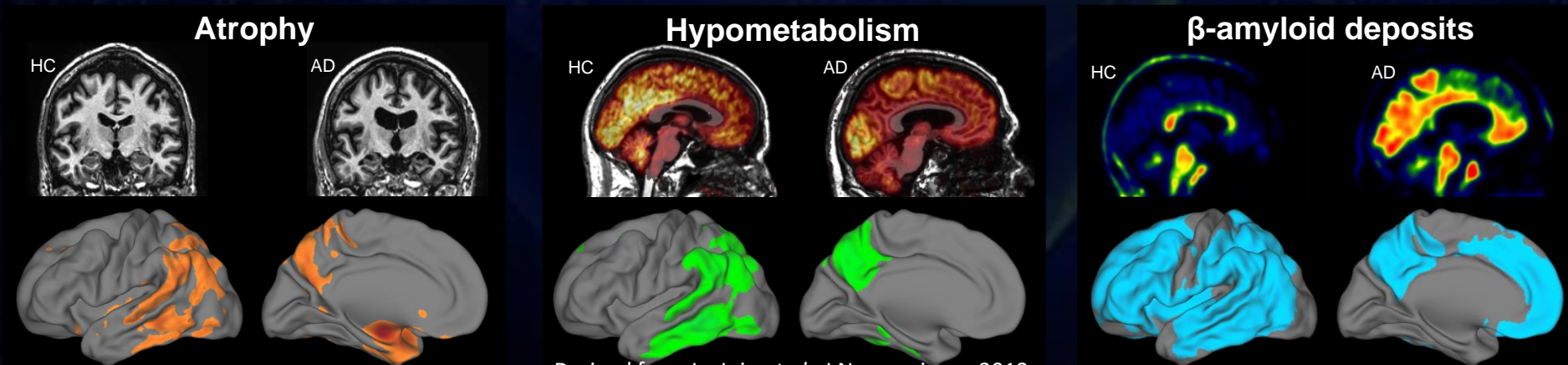
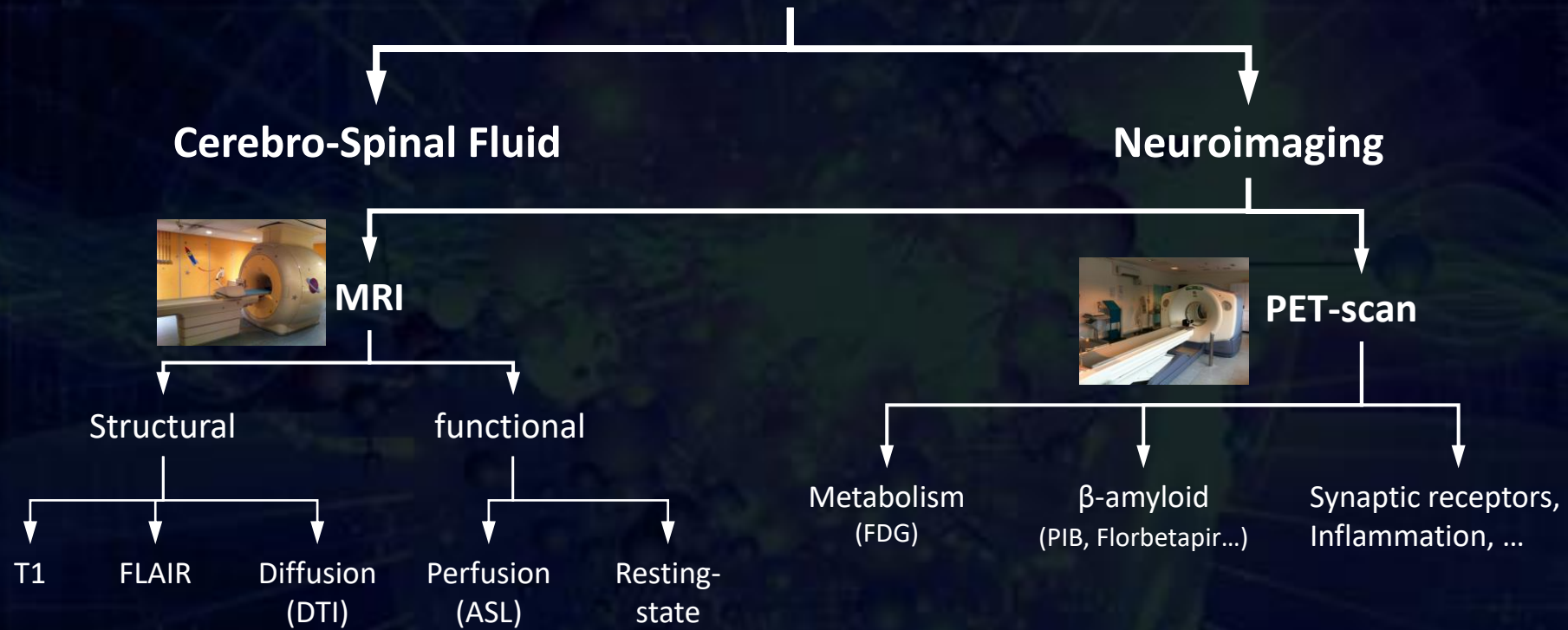


CLINICAL CRITERIA
(McKhann et al 1984)

FROM CLINICAL TO BIOLOGICAL CRITERIA

NEW CRITERIA

AD biomarkers



Derived from La Joie *et al.*, J Neuroscience 2012

The neuroimaging biomarker palette



Structural MRI

FDG-PET

Amyloid-PET

Tau-PET

TSPO-PET

SV2A-PET

Atrophy

Metabolism

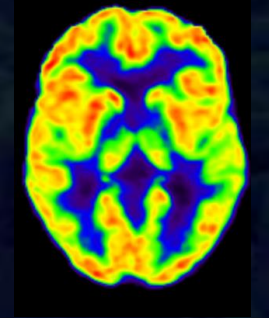
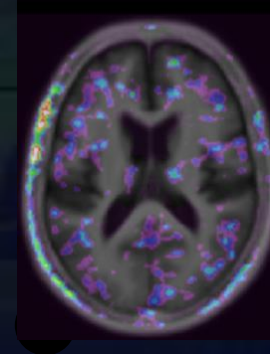
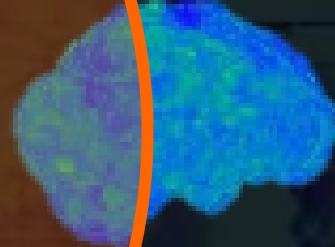
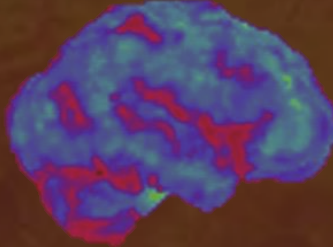
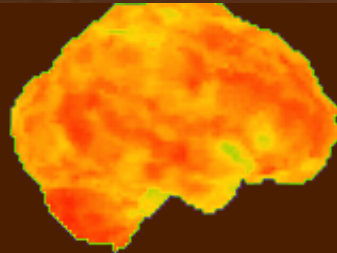
β -Amyloid

Tau

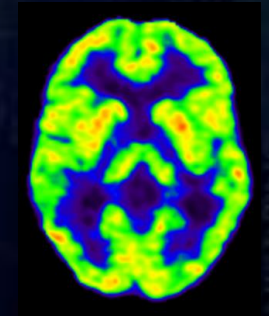
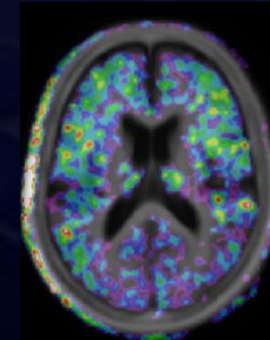
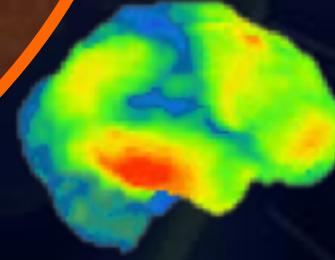
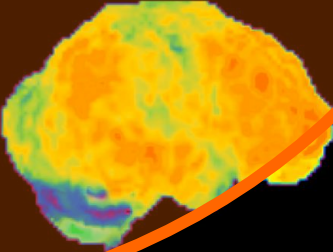
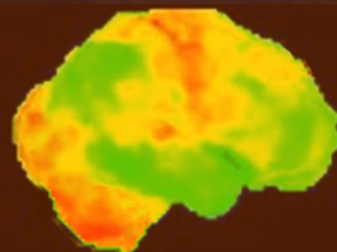
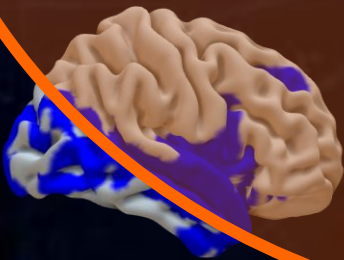
Neuro-inflammation

Synaptic density

Control



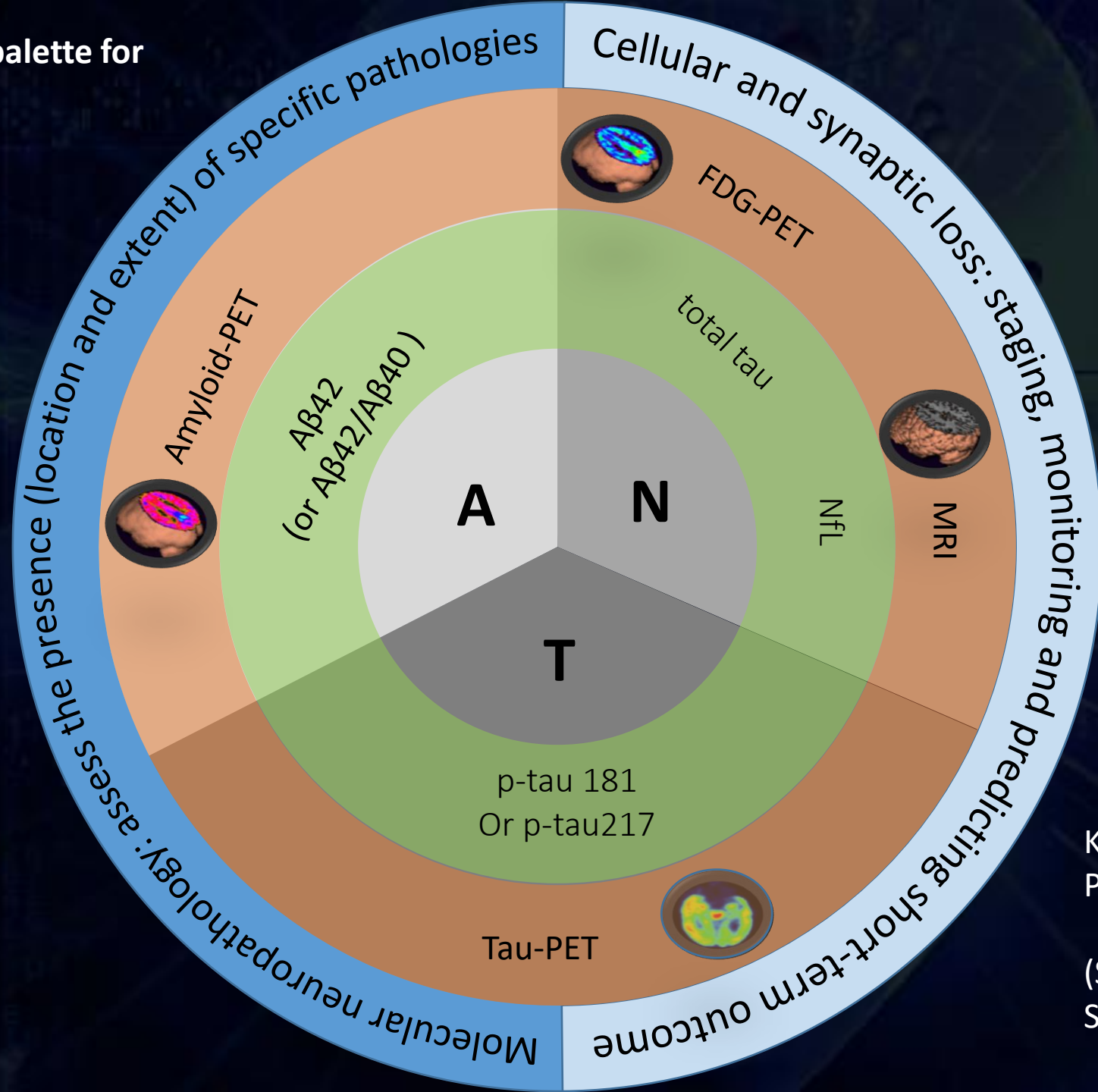
Alzheimer's Disease







Clinical

Research

The biomarker palette for AD



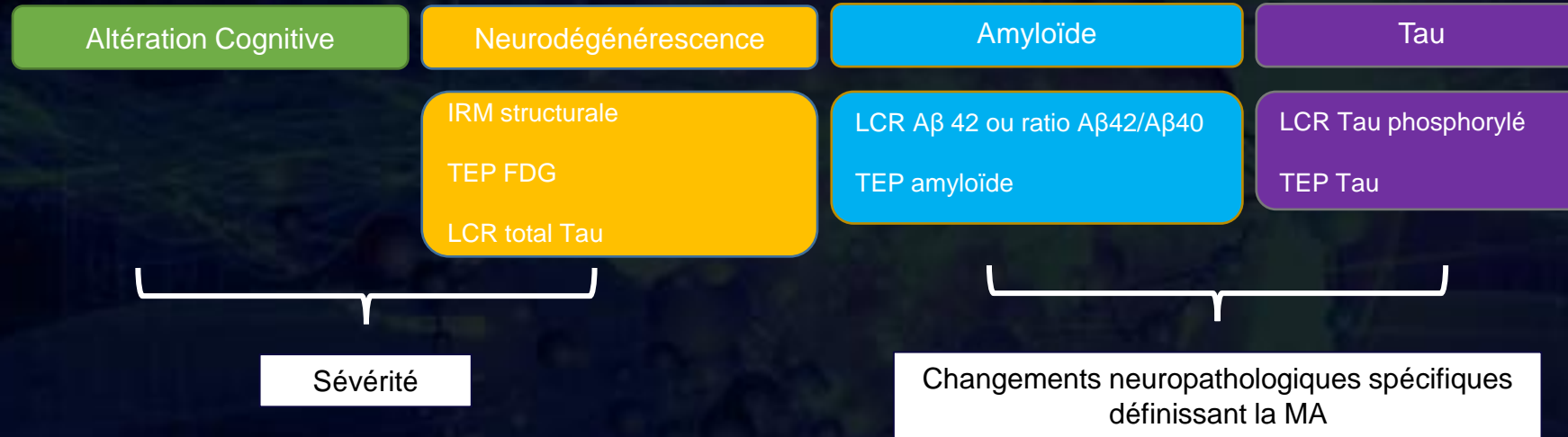
-  A/T/(N) biomarker
-  CSF biomarkers
-  Neuroimaging biomarkers
-  Used for

Knopman et al. Nat Rev Dis Primers. 2021

(See also Scheltens et al., Lancet. 2021)

Utilisation des biomarqueurs

(Dubois et al., 2007, 2010, 2014, 2016 ; McKhann et al., 2011; Albert et al., 2011; Sperling et al., 2011; Jack et al., 2018)



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RESEARCH DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA

2018 NIA-AA guidelines for research (Jack *et al.*, 2018 *Alz Dem*)

Biomarker profiles and categories	
AT(N) profiles	Biomarker category
A-T-(N)-	Normal AD biomarkers
A+T-(N)-	Alzheimer's pathologic change
A+T+(N)-	Alzheimer's disease
A+T+(N)+	Alzheimer's disease
A+T-(N)+	Alzheimer's and concomitant suspected non Alzheimer's pathologic change
A-T+(N)-	Non-AD pathologic change
A-T-(N)+	Non-AD pathologic change
A-T+(N)+	Non-AD pathologic change

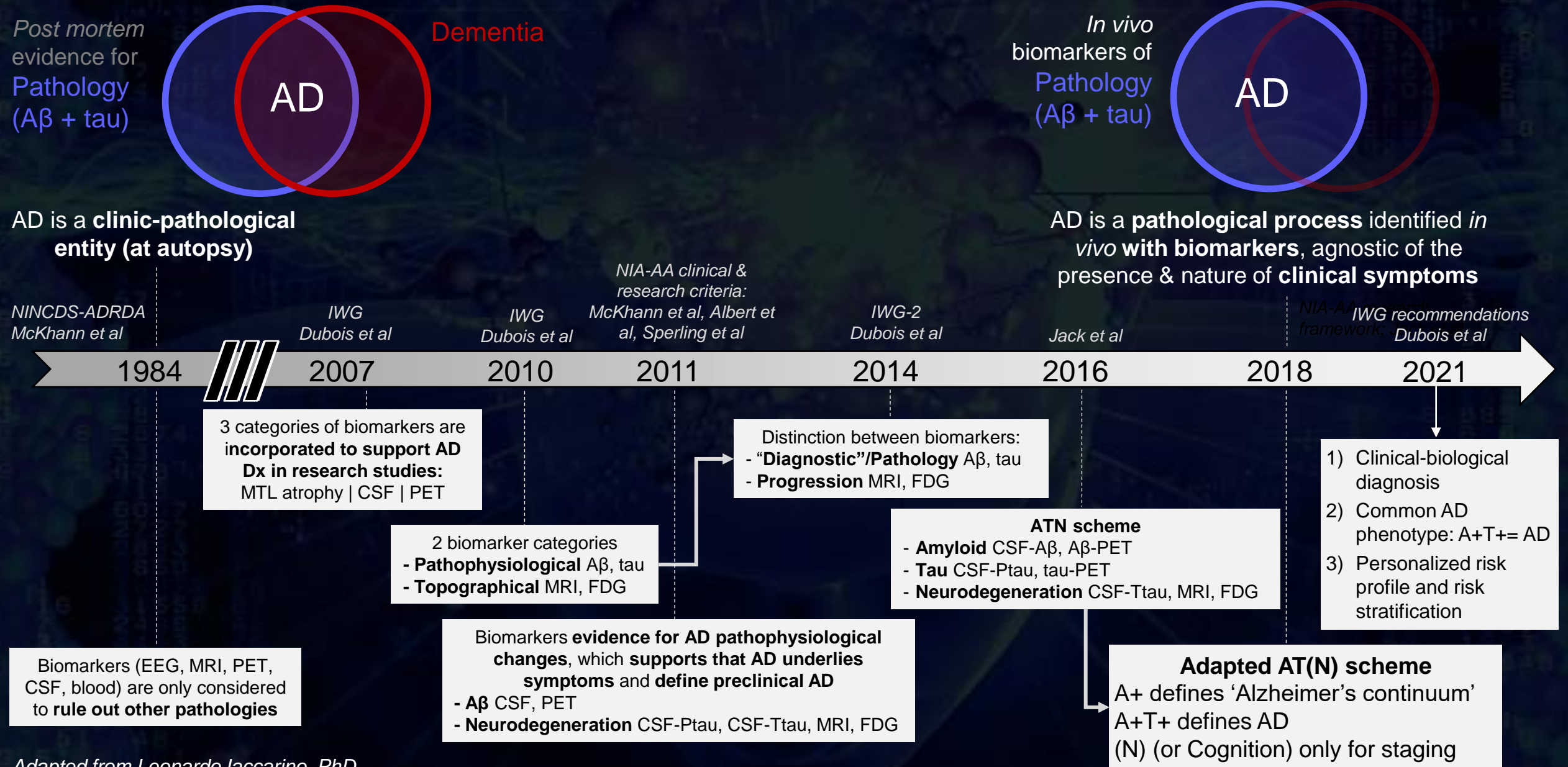
Alzheimer's
continuum

Amyloid characterizes the
Alzheimer continuum.

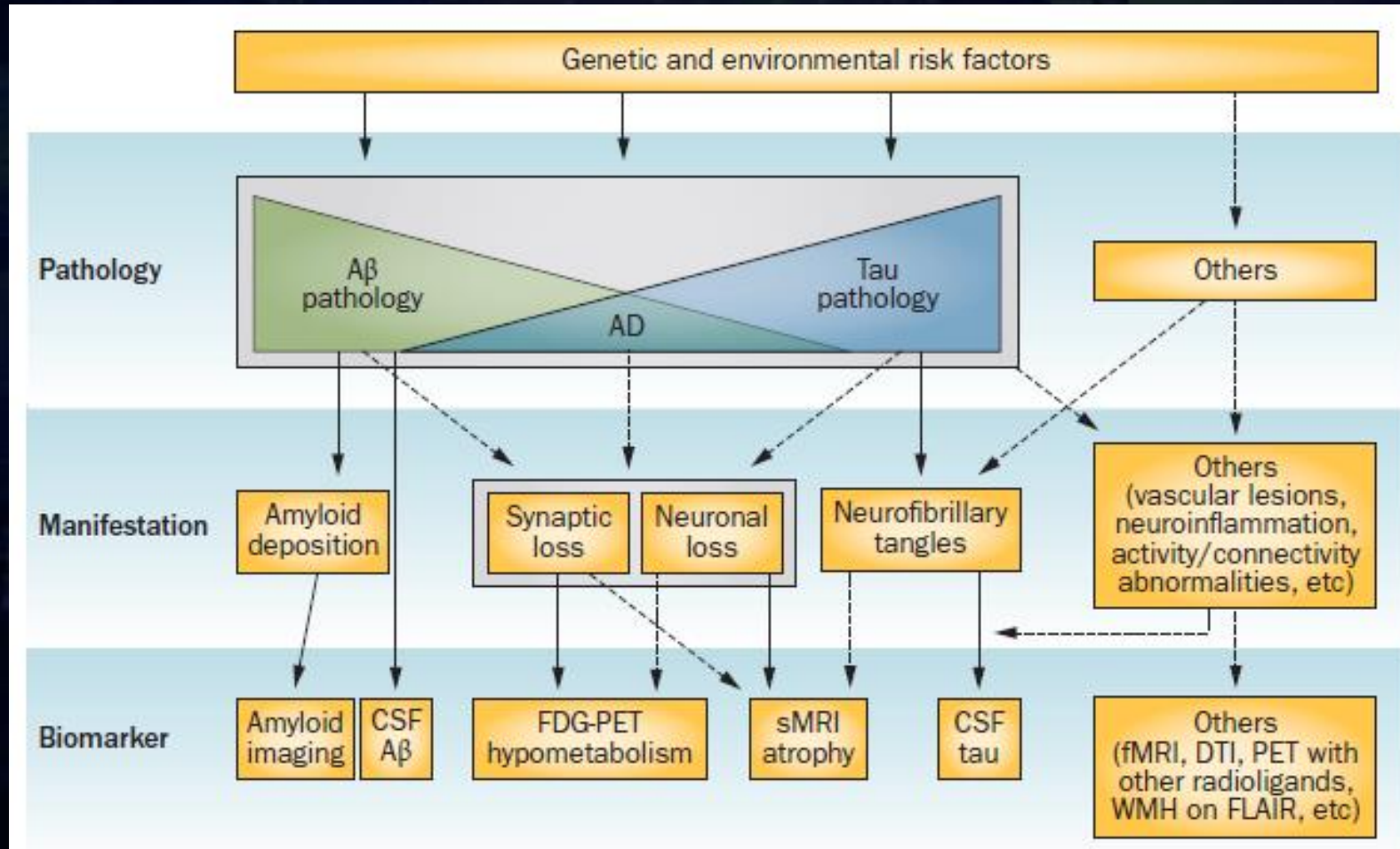
Tau + Amyloid characterize
Alzheimer disease.

- Amyloid defines the AD-pathway/continuum.
- Pathologic tau determines is someone in the AD continuum has AD (since both are required for diagnosis of the disease)
- Neurodeg/injury biomarkers and cognitive symptoms : used only to **stage severity**.

35 years of AD nomenclature and biomarker grouping (courtesy of Renaud La Joie)



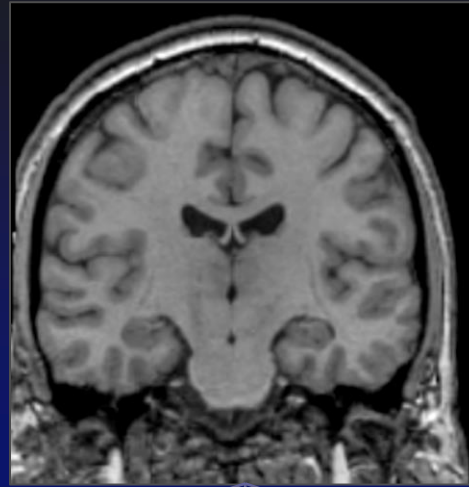
Neuronal injury could be caused by different factors (with various possible sequences): A β and tau pathologies may be partly independent, each under the influence of common and independent risk factors, and interacting with each others to promote the AD neuropathological cascade



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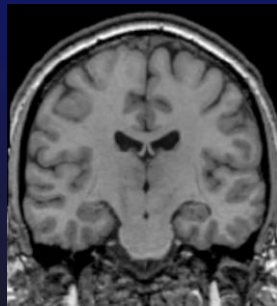
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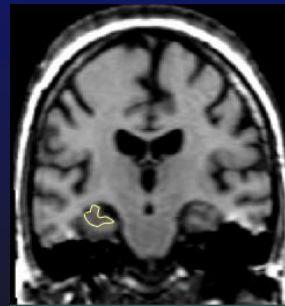
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PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS

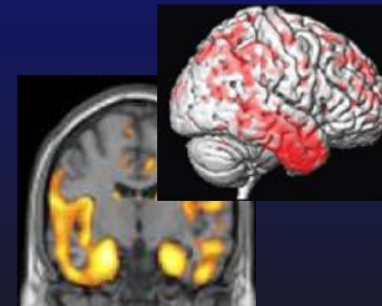
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Delineation (manual or automatic) of regions of interest

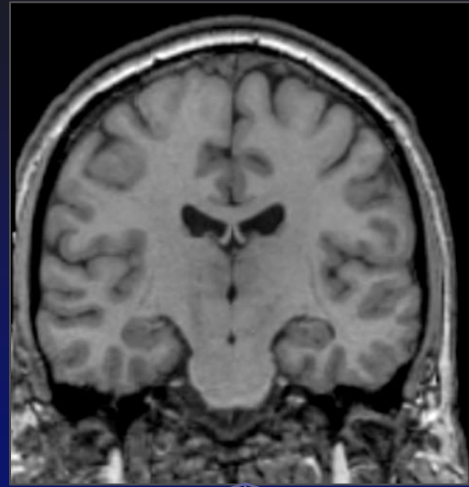


Whole brain techniques



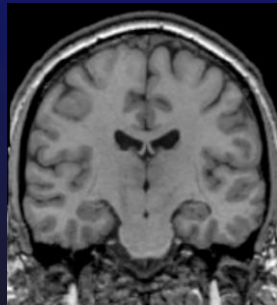
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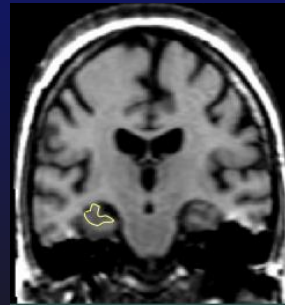


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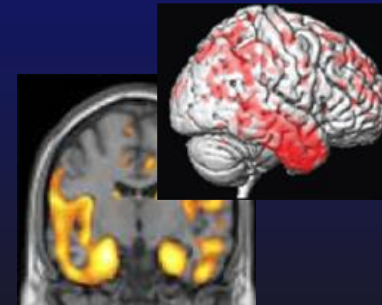
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Visual rating scales (MTL)

Scheltens et al. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry 1992; 55:967-972

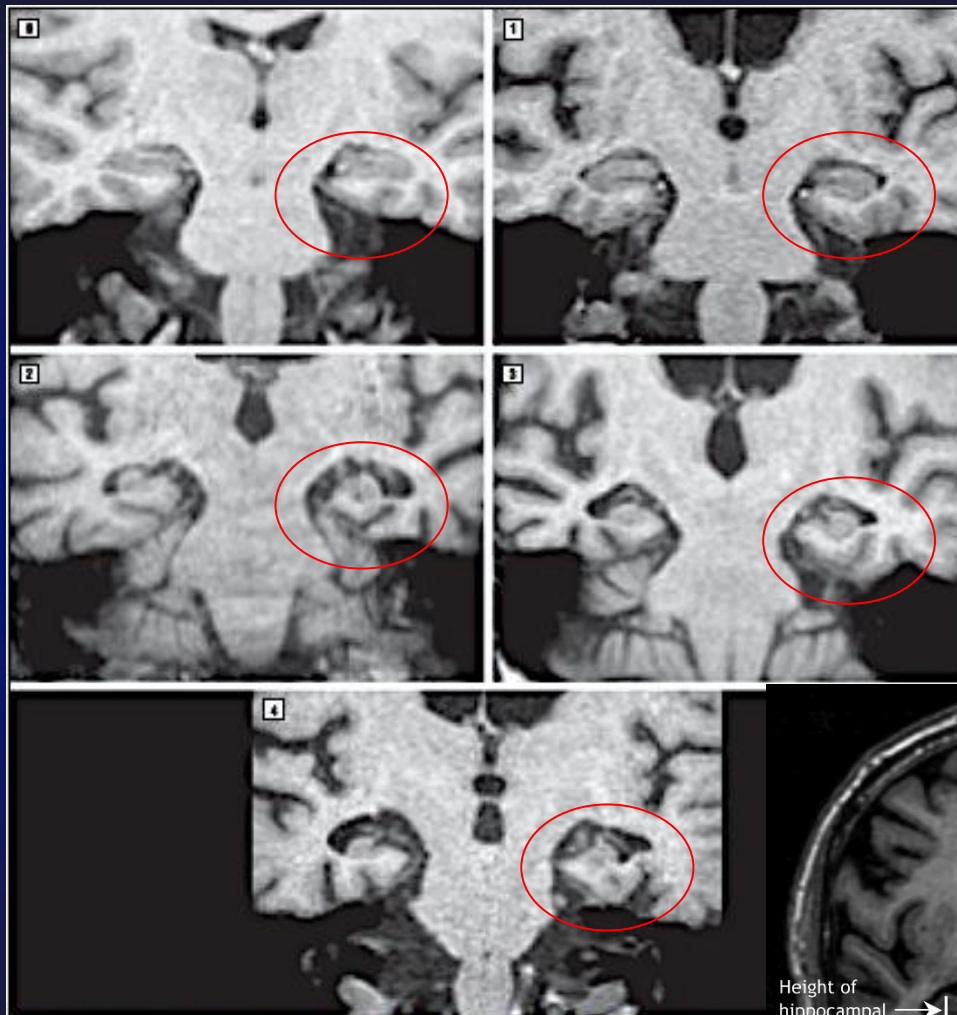


Figure 2. Representative magnetic resonance images used to determine medial temporal atrophy ratings. See Table 1 for complete details.

Table 1. Medial Temporal Atrophy Rating Algorithm

Score	Width of Choroidal Fissure	Width of Temporal Horn	Height of Hippocampus
0	Normal	Normal	Normal
1	Mildly widened	Normal	Normal
2	Moderately widened	Mildly widened	Mildly reduced
3	Markedly widened	Moderately widened	Moderately reduced
4	Markedly widened	Markedly widened	Markedly reduced

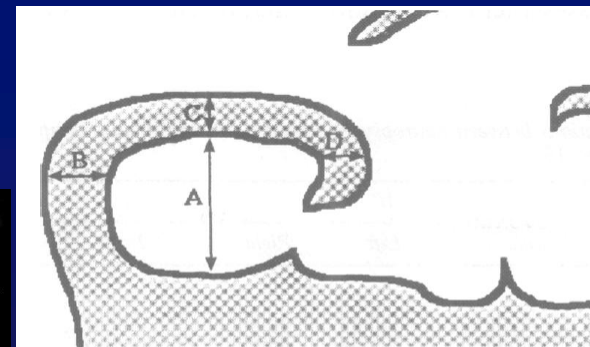
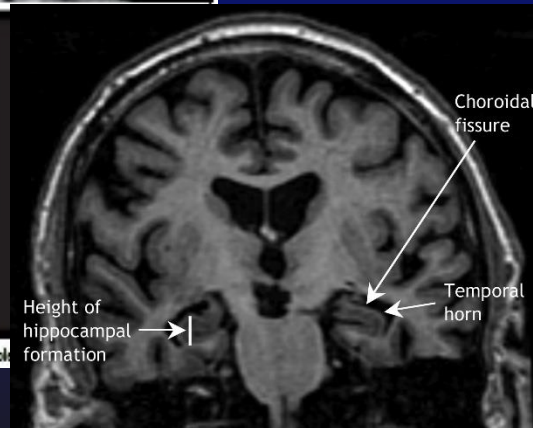
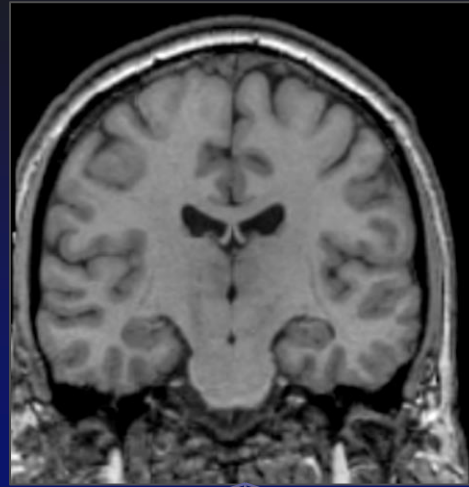


Figure 3 Schematic drawing showing linear measures of medial temporal lobe. A = largest vertical height of hippocampal formation, defined as dentate gyrus, hippocampus proper, and subiculum together with parahippocampal gyrus; B = largest horizontal width between hippocampal formation and brainstem; C = largest vertical width of choroid fissure; D = width of temporal horn.

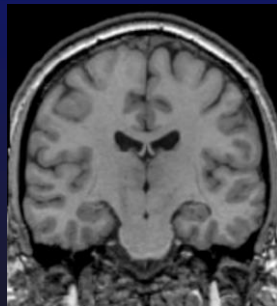
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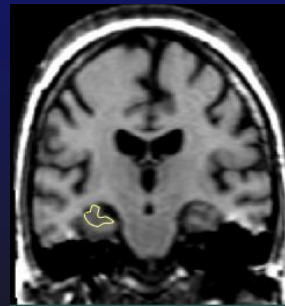
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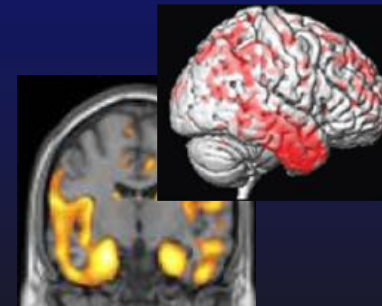
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Region-of-interest
analyses

Manual
delineation

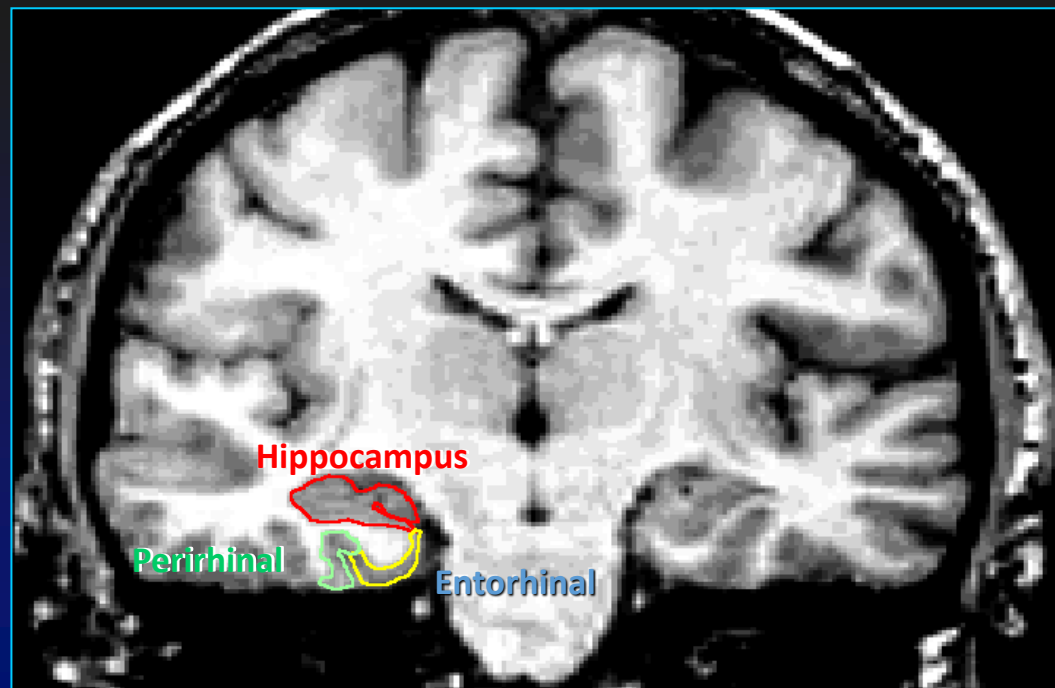
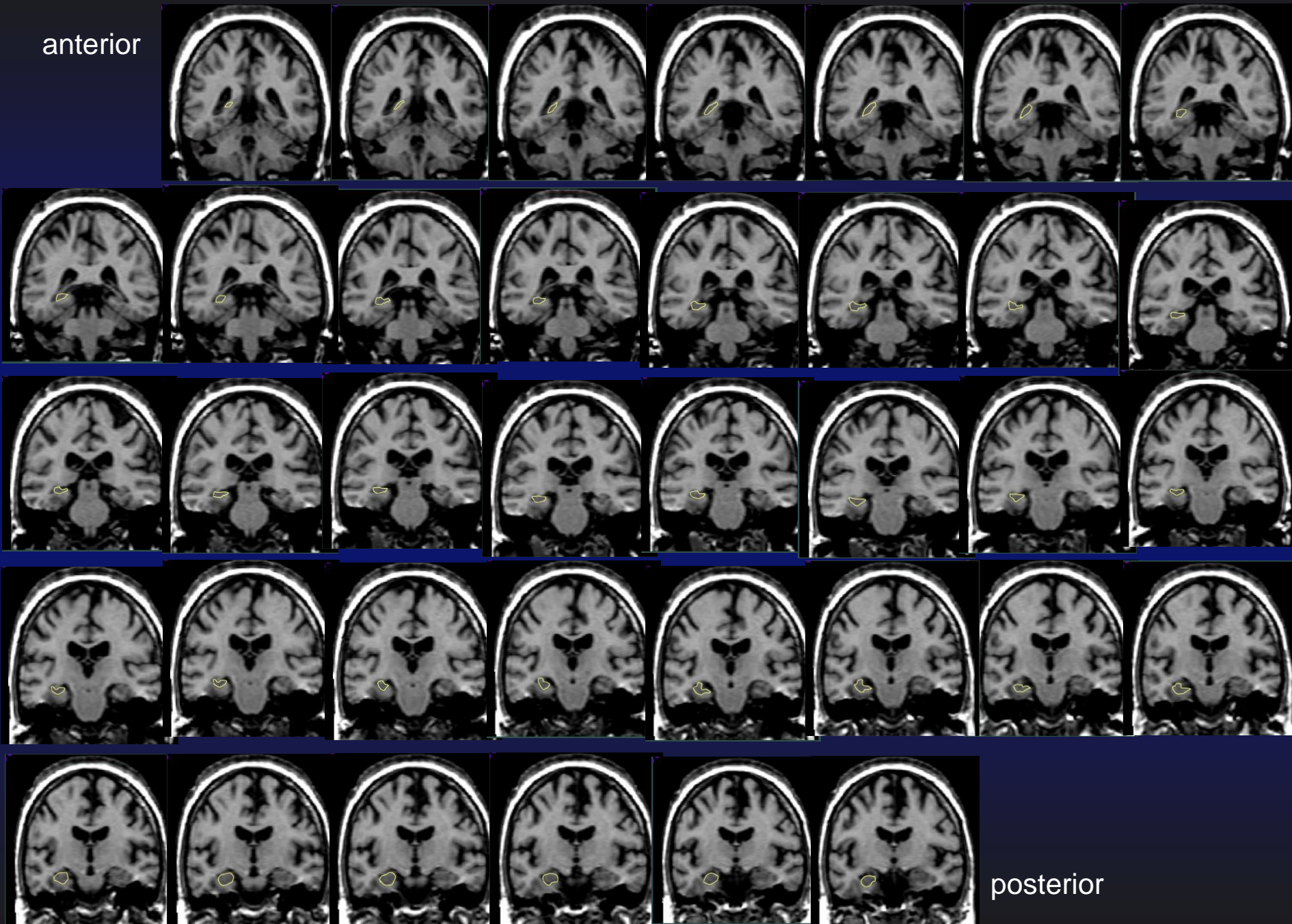


Figure 1 Entorhinal cortex (ERC) (right) and hippocampal (left) volume measurement in MP-RAGE images. (A) Normal cognition (NC); (B) mild cognitive impairment (MCI); (C) Alzheimer's disease (AD).



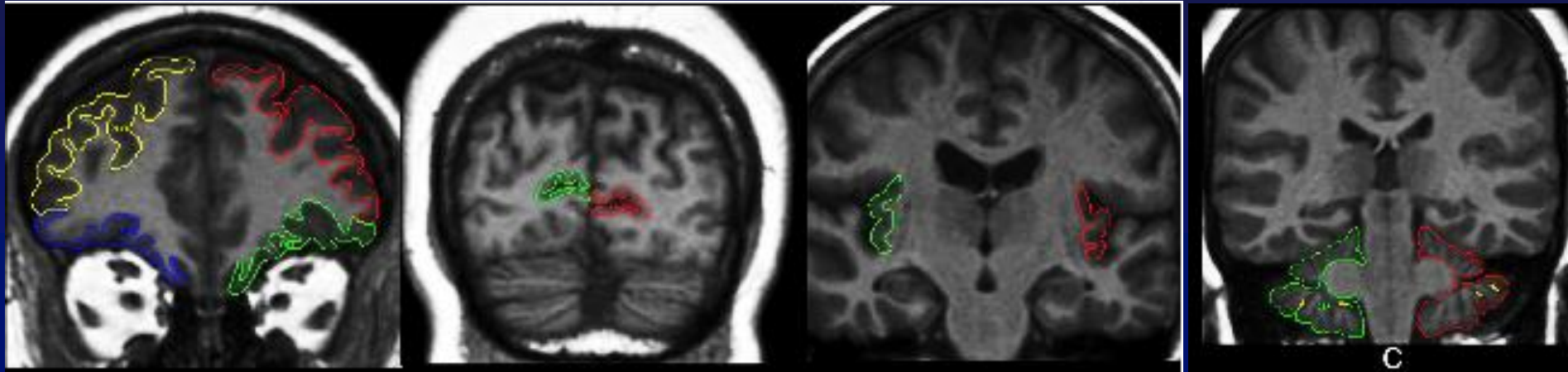
12 ROIs

Lateral and orbitofrontal cortex

Primary visual cortex

Insula

Cerebellum

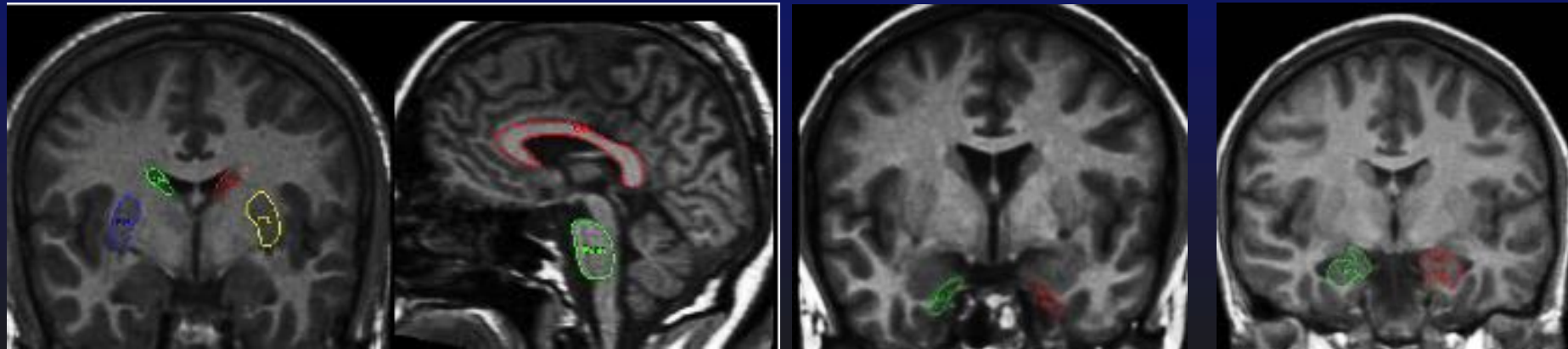


Caudate nucleus
Putamen

Corpus callosum
Pons

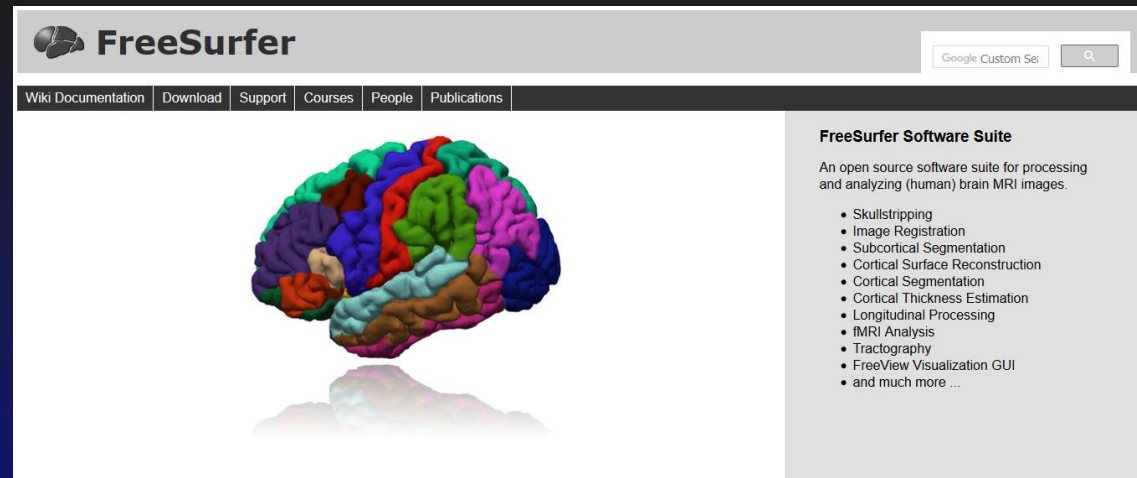
Entorhinal cortex

Hippocampus



Region-of-interest analyses

Automatic segmentation



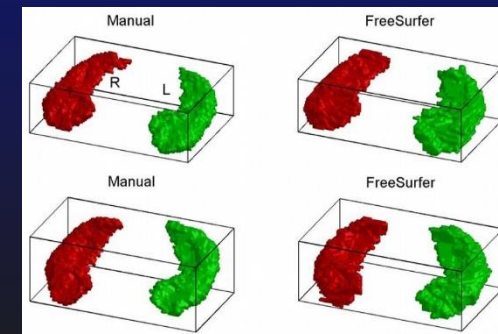
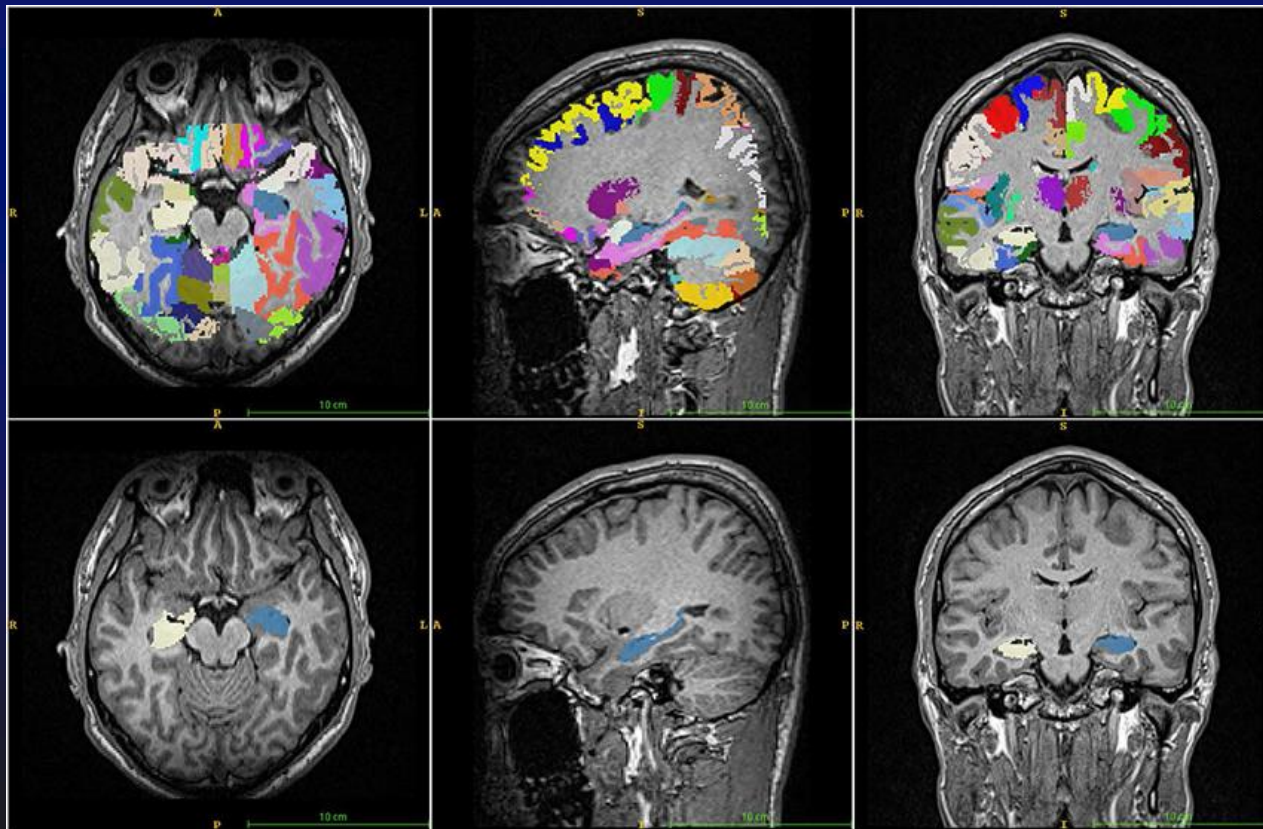
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FreeSurfer Software Suite

An open source software suite for processing and analyzing (human) brain MRI images.

- Skullstripping
- Image Registration
- Subcortical Segmentation
- Cortical Surface Reconstruction
- Cortical Segmentation
- Cortical Thickness Estimation
- Longitudinal Processing
- fMRI Analysis
- Tractography
- FreeView Visualization GUI
- and much more ...

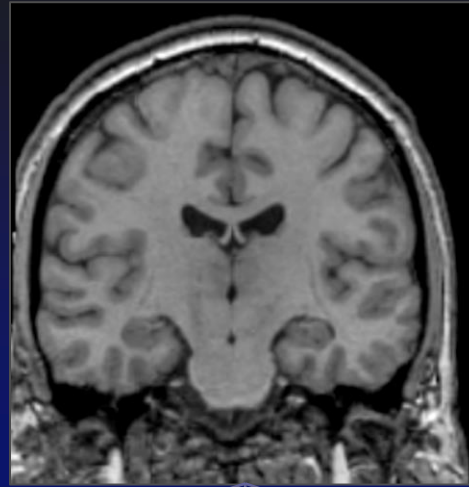


- FSL First: subcortical structures (including the hippocampus)



- HAMMER
- LocalInfo
- ABSS
- IBASPM

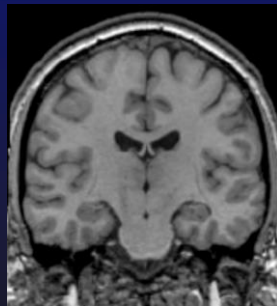
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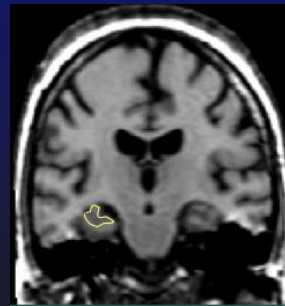
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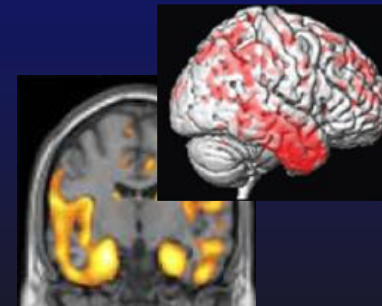
Visual



Delineation (manual or automatic) of regions of interest

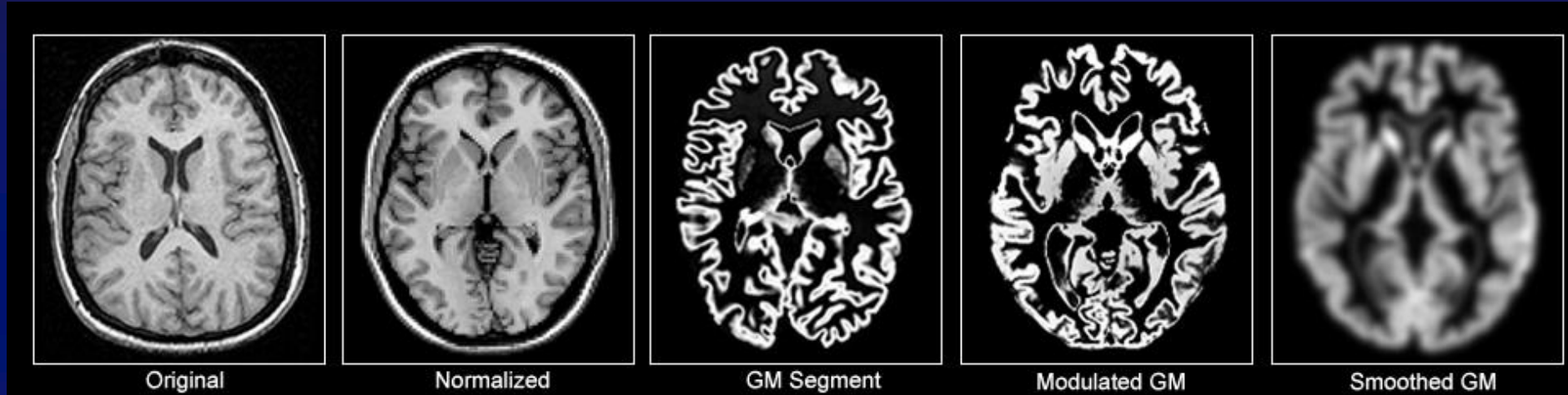


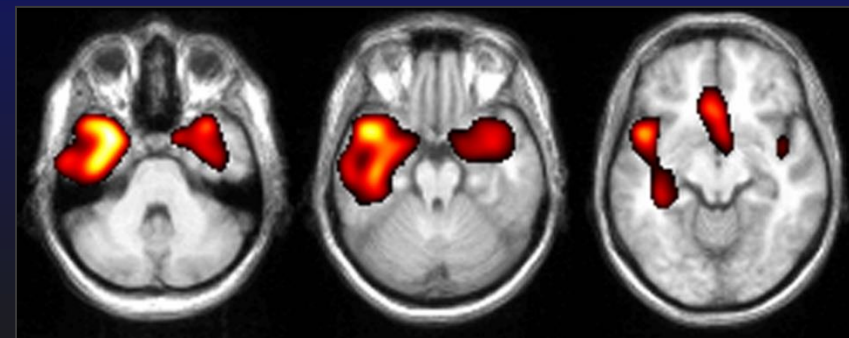
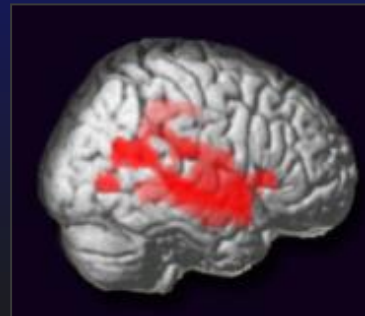
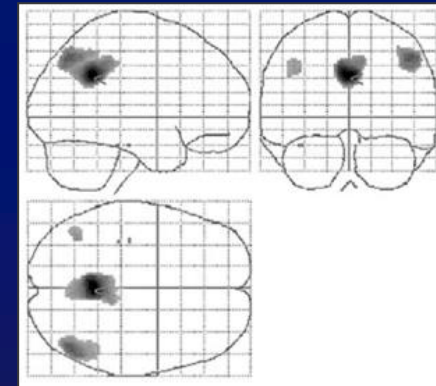
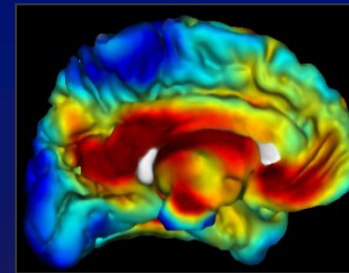
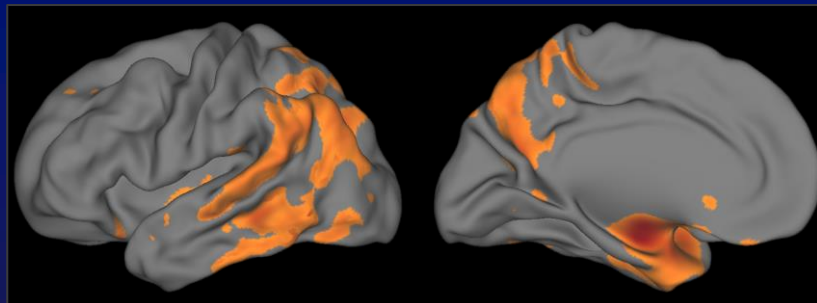
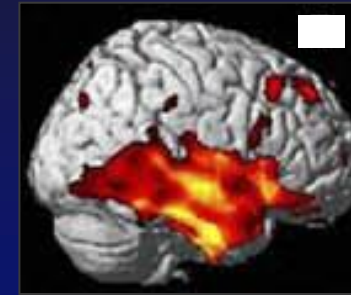
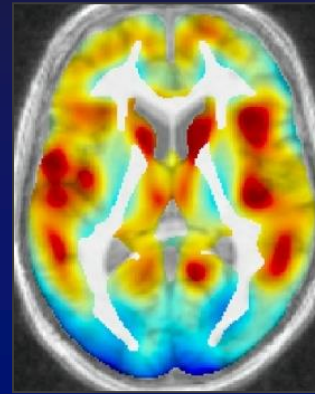
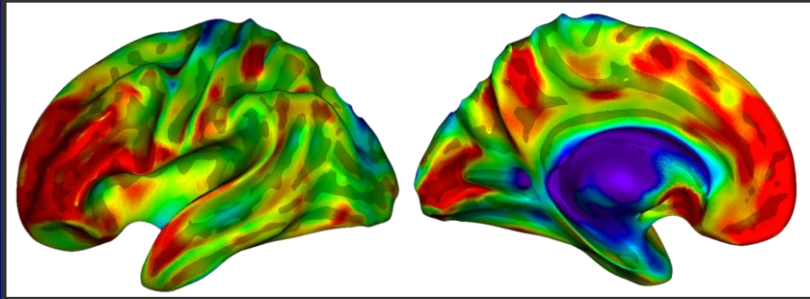
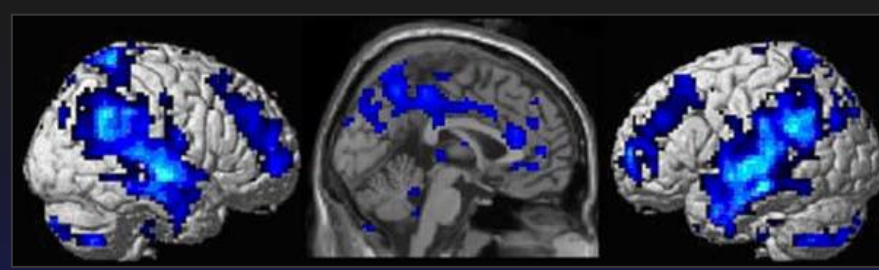
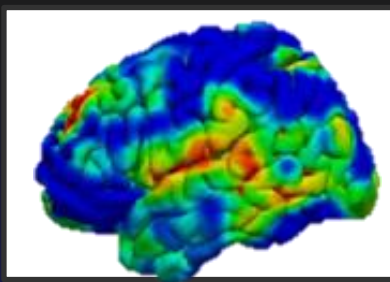
Whole brain techniques



WHOLE-BRAIN/GM ANALYSES

Example: SPM (voxel-based morphometry)

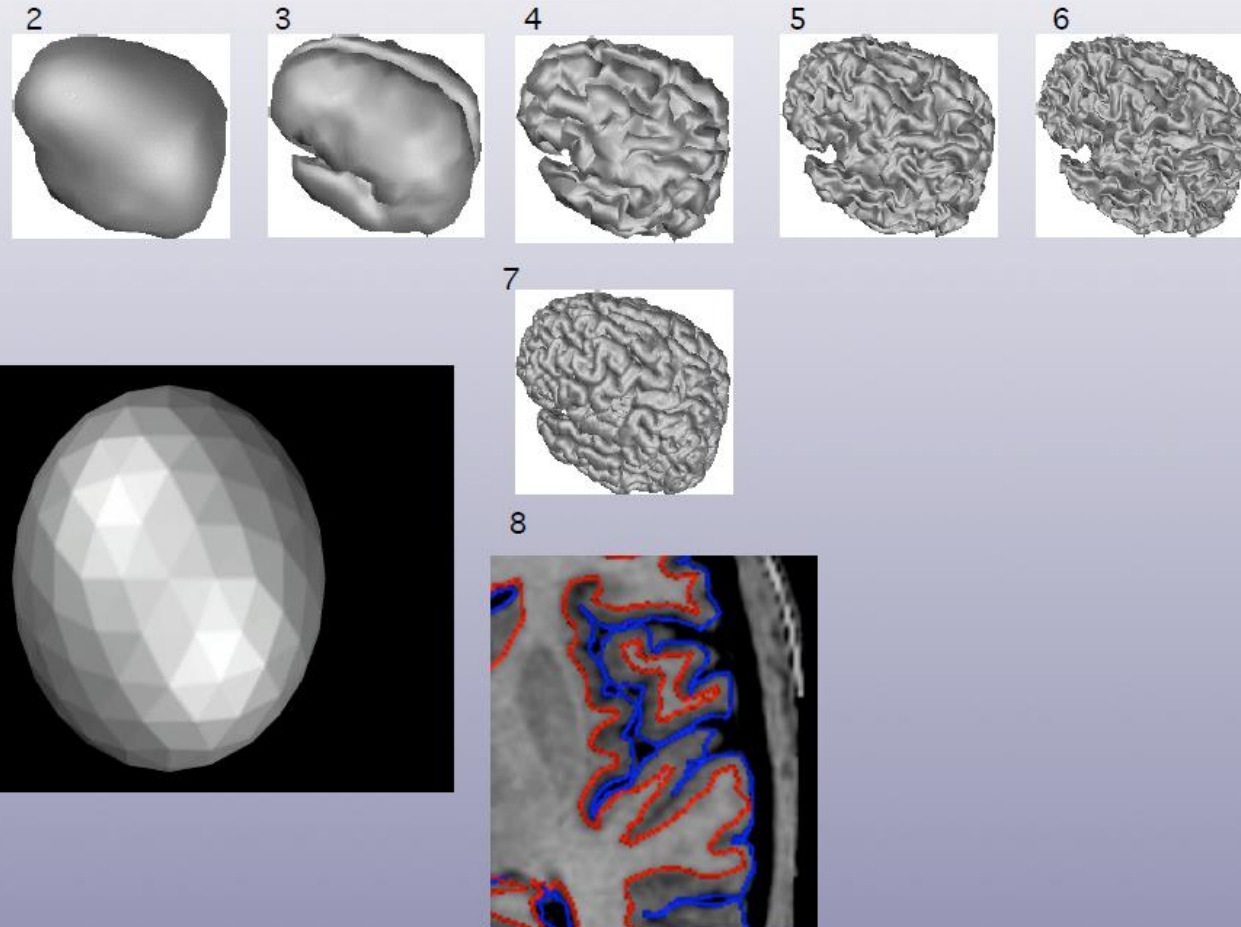




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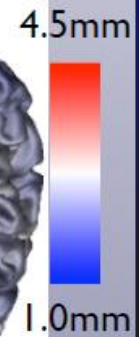
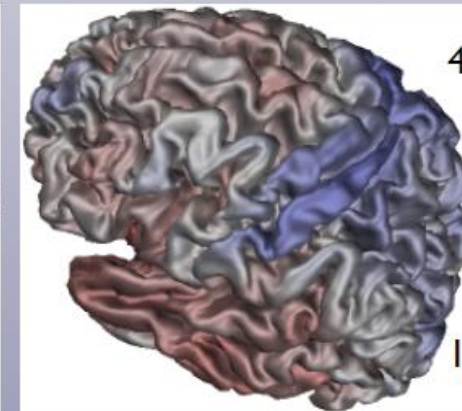
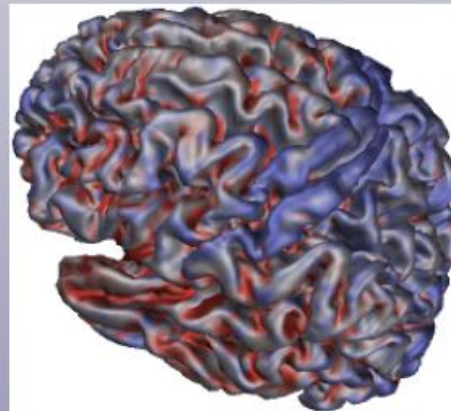
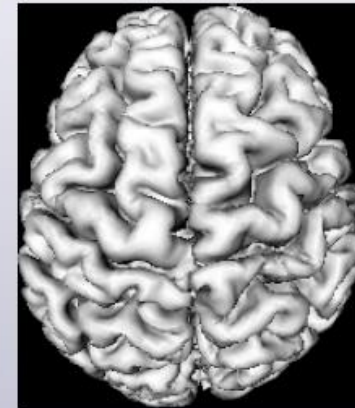
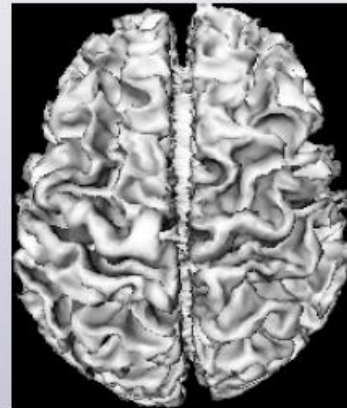
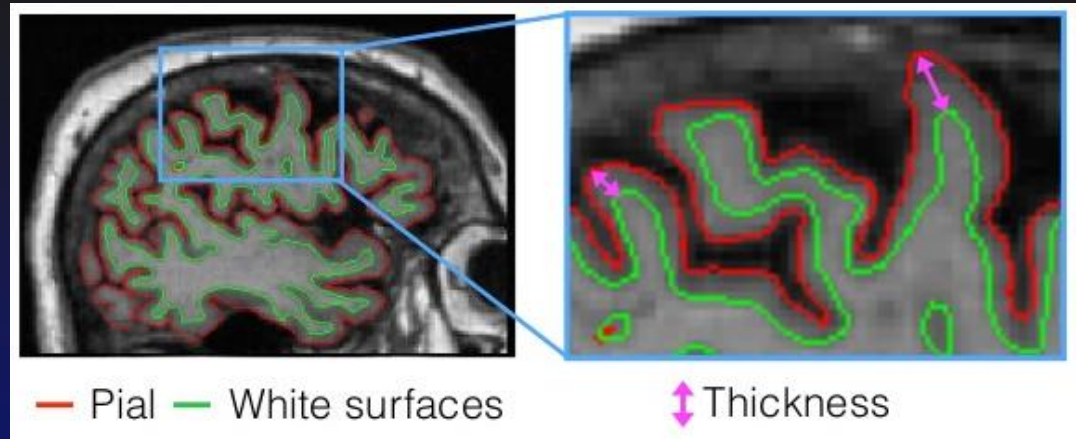
Example: cortical thickness

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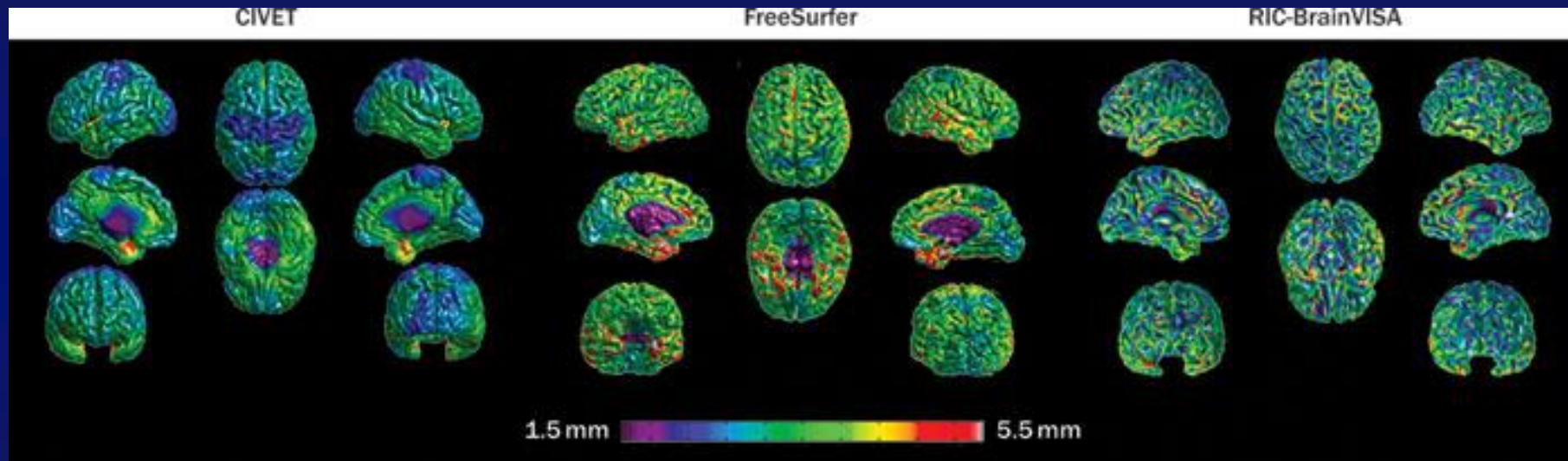


WHOLE-BRAIN/GM ANALYSES

Example: cortical thickness



Maps of mean cortical thickness in the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative dataset obtained with CIVET, FreeSurfer and RIC-BrainVISA, and displayed with the same visualization tool.



ACQUISITION

Fast, direct, easier for clinician

BUT

Qualitative only, and depends heavily on observer's prior experience and training

Structural MRI (T1-weighted)

Allows regional quantitative analysis

BUT

Requires a priori selection of ROIs, time-consuming, and expertise-dependent / needs standardized technique and cut-off

Objective, comprehensive, quantitative, more precise

BUT

Less direct and fast, relies on technology and lack of consensual cut-off -> needs standardisation

PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS

Manual or Regions of interest

Whole brain techniques

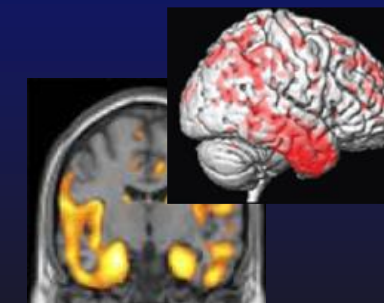
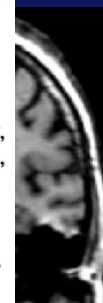
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Project Report

The EADC-ADNI Harmonized Protocol for manual hippocampal segmentation on magnetic resonance: Evidence of validity

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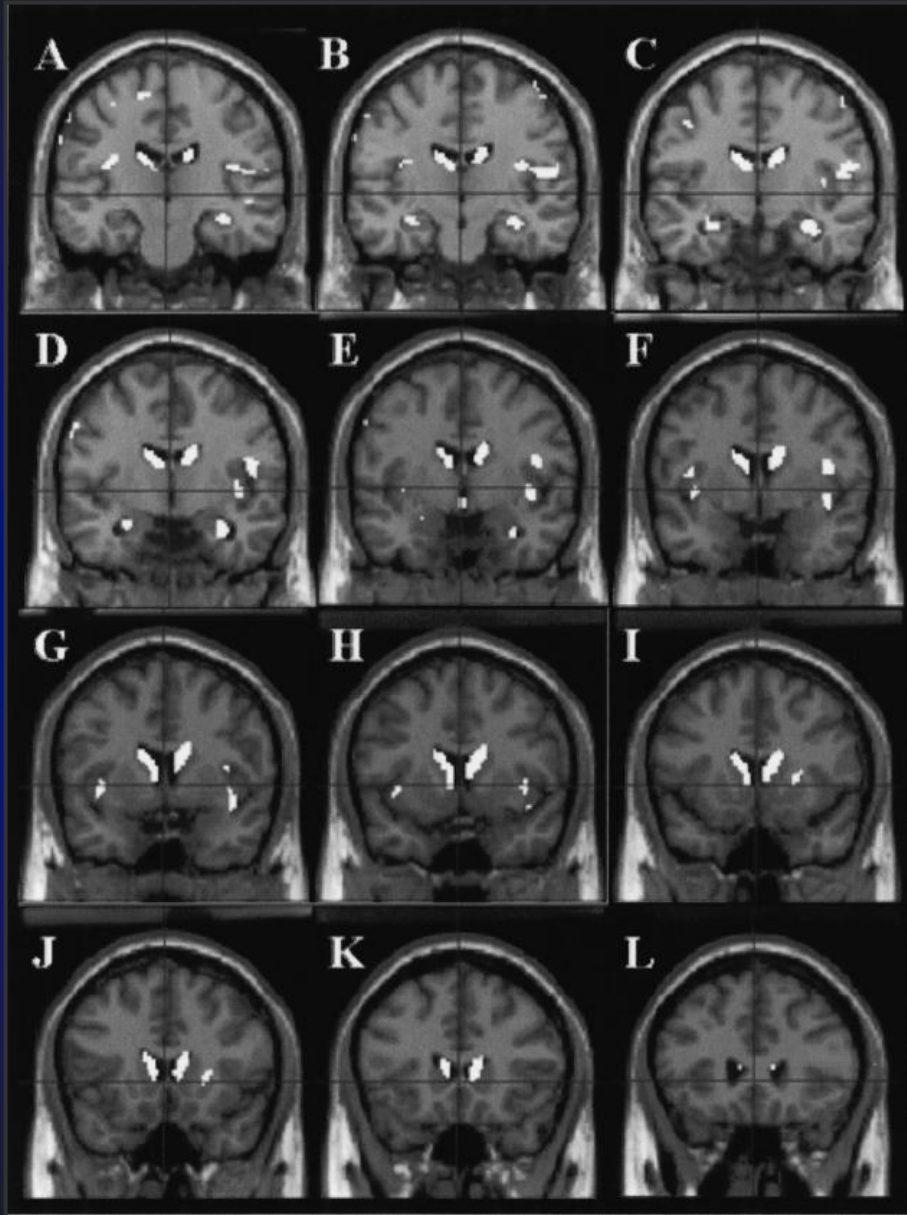
www.hippocampal-protocol.net

Include here interactive questions:

Part I: score hippocampal atrophy (visual rating scale)

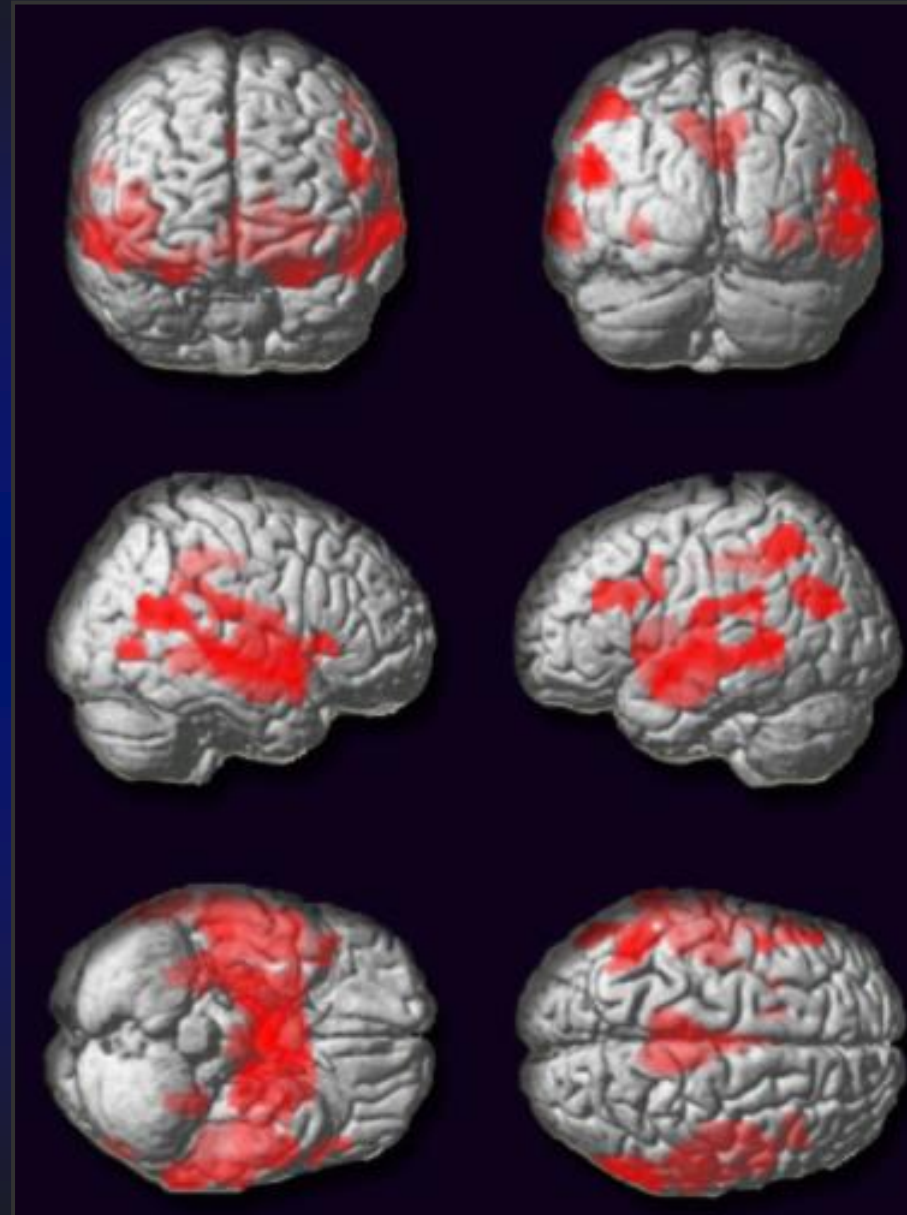
➤ **Topography of cortical atrophy in AD**

Voxel-based morphometry (VBM – SPM)



7 AD / 7 controls

Rombouts et al., 2000

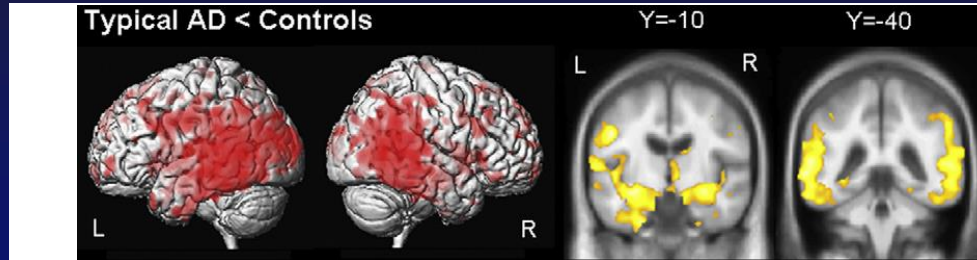


19 AD / 16 controls

Baron et al., 2001

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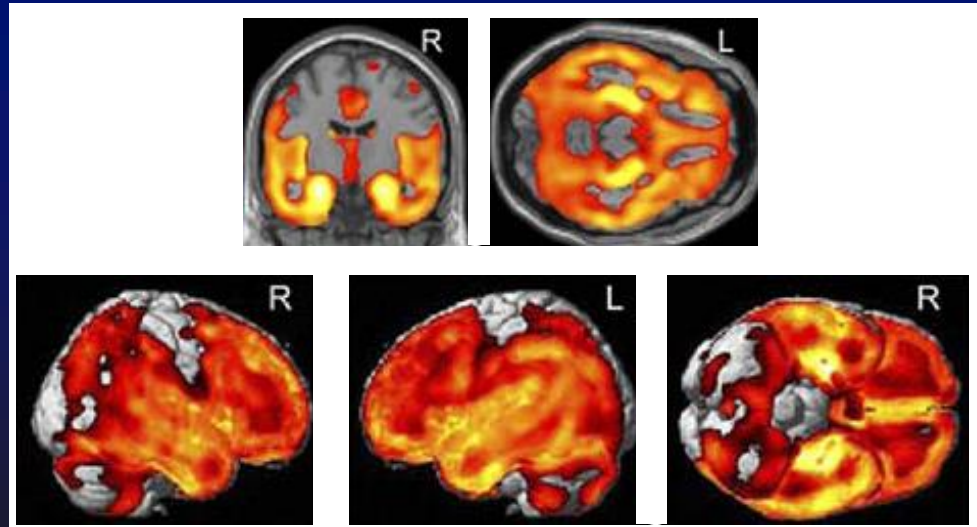
Patients with a neuropathological confirmation



14 AD / 20 controls

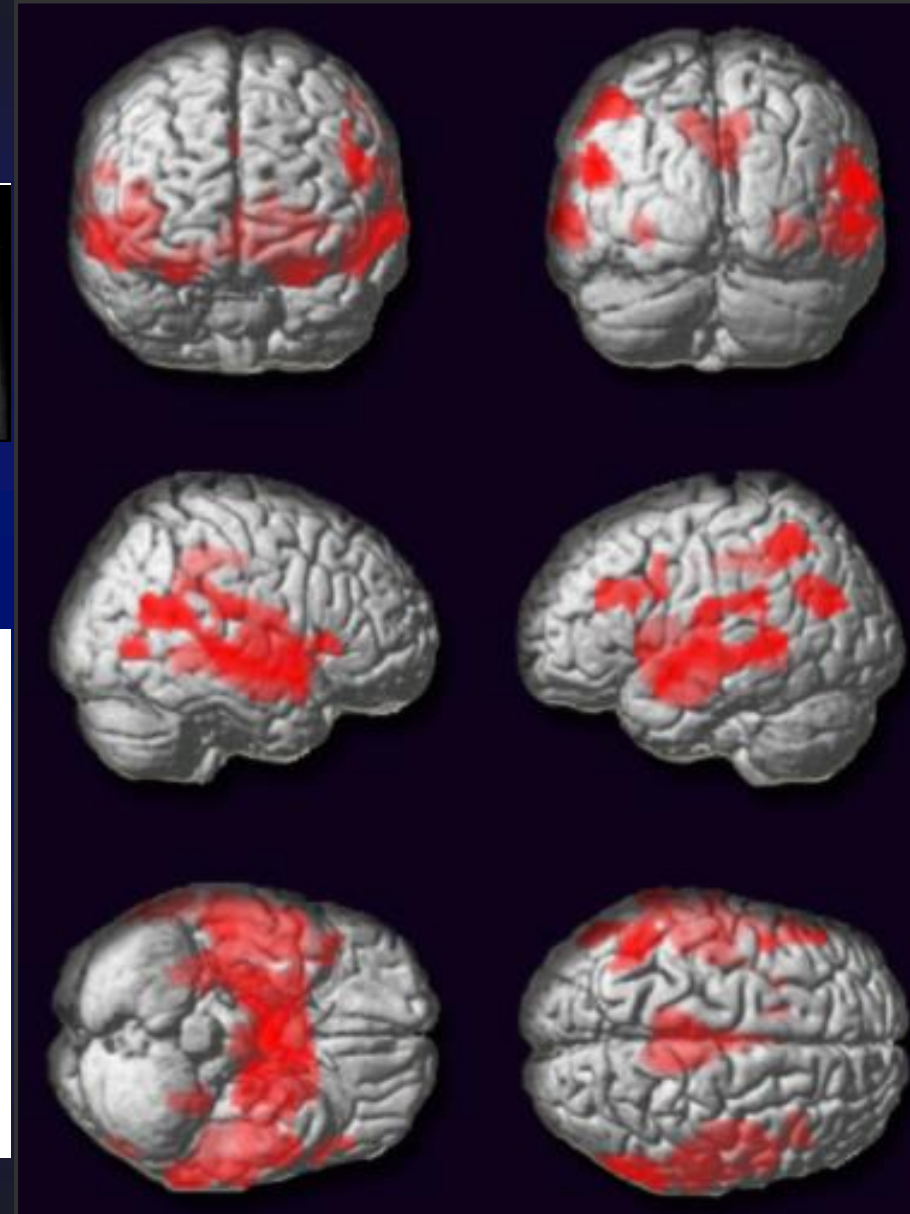
Whitwell et al., 2011

With large cohorts...



206 SAS / 148 MA

Risacher et al., 2008



19 AD / 16 controls

Baron et al., 2001

Ossenkoppele et al., 2015

- 93 posterior cortical atrophy (PCA)
- 74 logopenic variant primary progressive aphasia (lvPPA)
- 114 early and 114 late age-of-onset memory-predominant AD

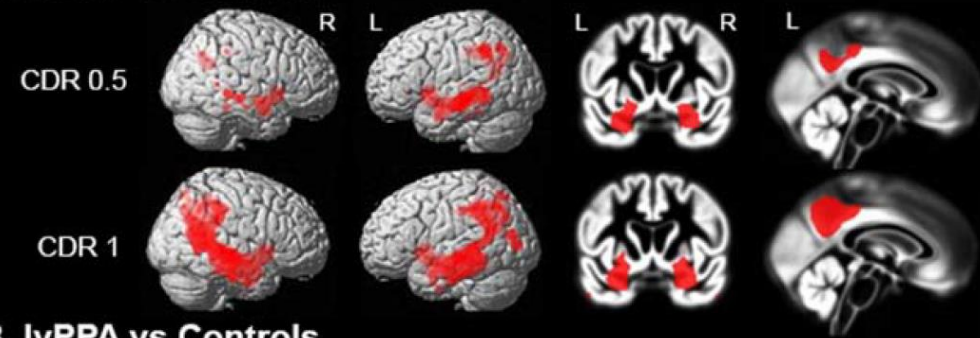
PCA patients → most prominent visuospatial deficits

lvPPA patients → most impaired in the language domain

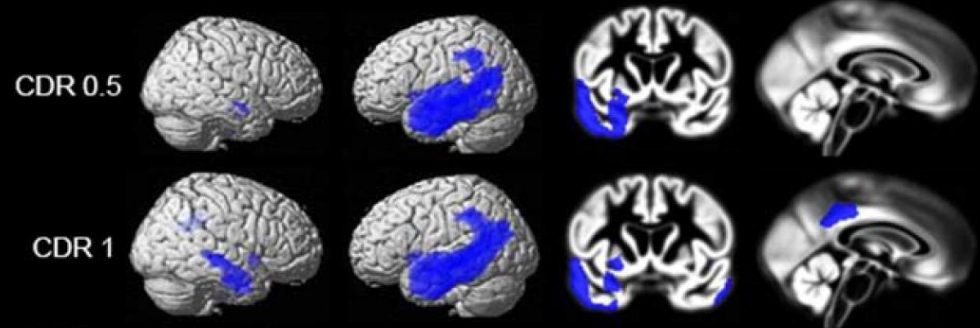
LOAD and EOAD patients → memory-predominant neuropsychological profile

Early syndrome-specific atrophy mirrored functional brain networks underlying functions that are uniquely affected in each variant: **Language network in lvPPA**, **posterior cingulate cortex-hippocampal circuit in amnesic EOAD and LOAD**, and **visual networks in PCA**. At more advanced stages, atrophy patterns largely converged across AD variants.

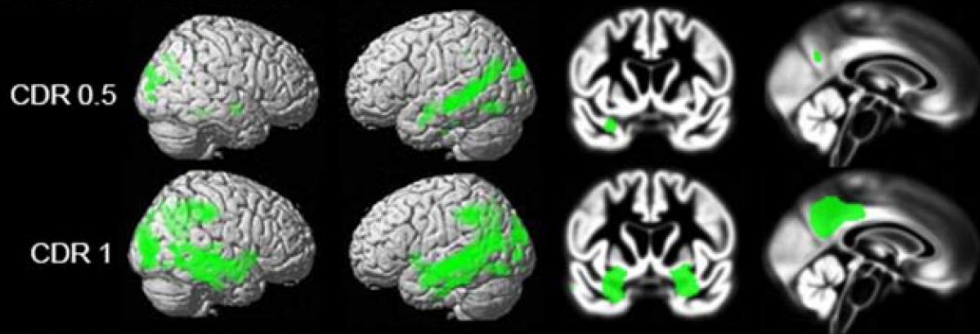
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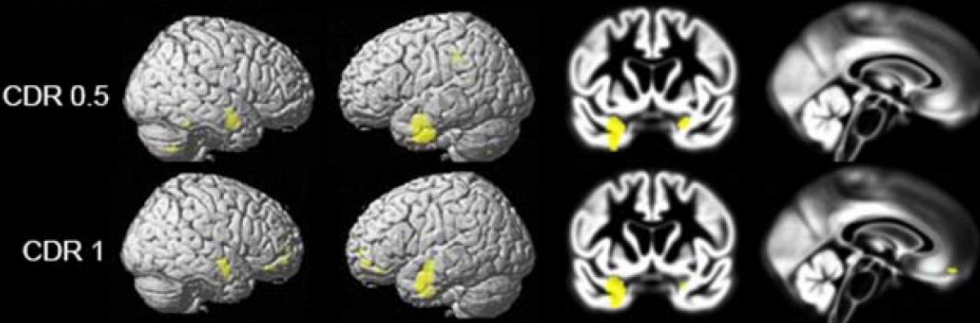
B. lvPPA vs Controls



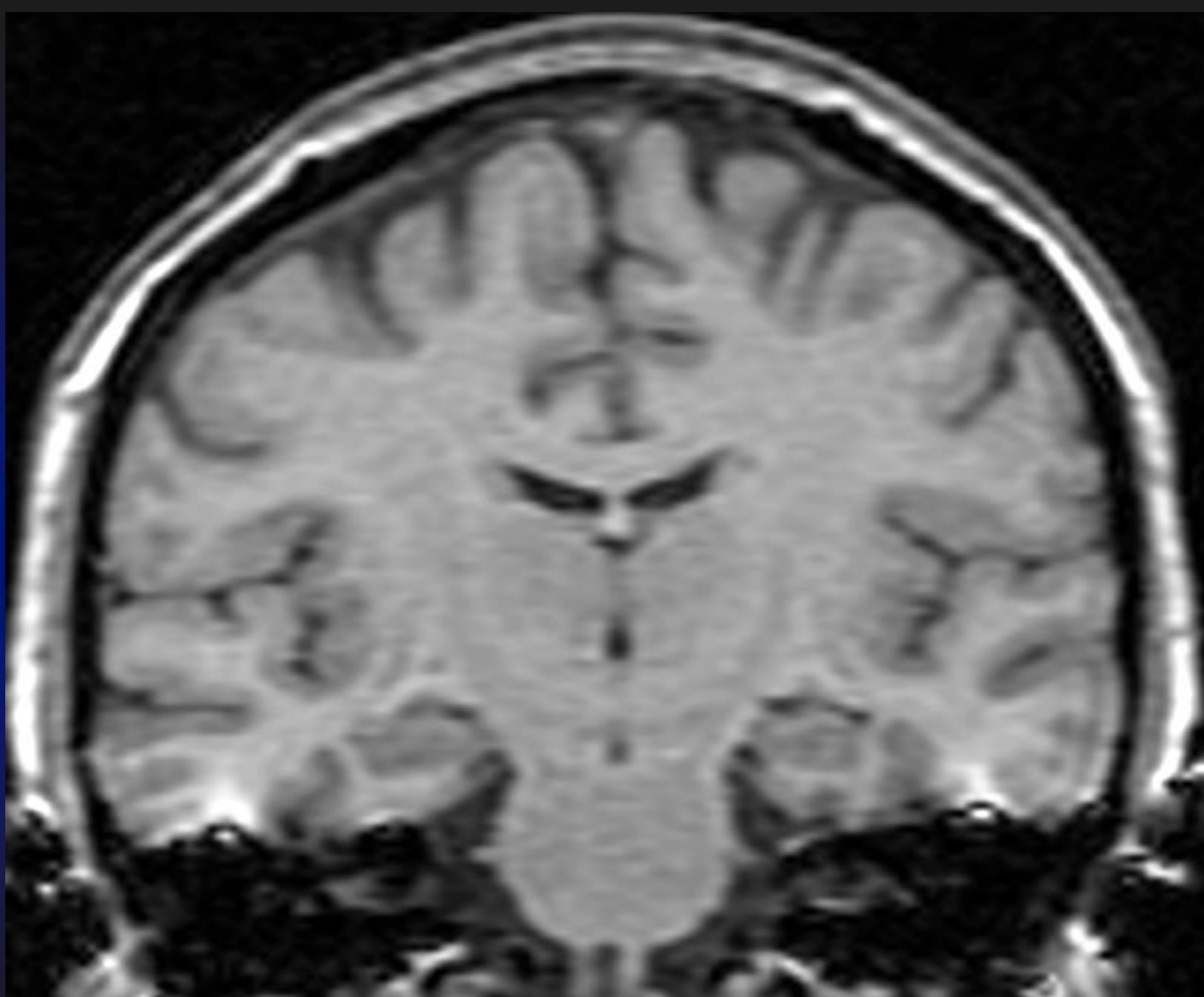
C. PCA vs Controls



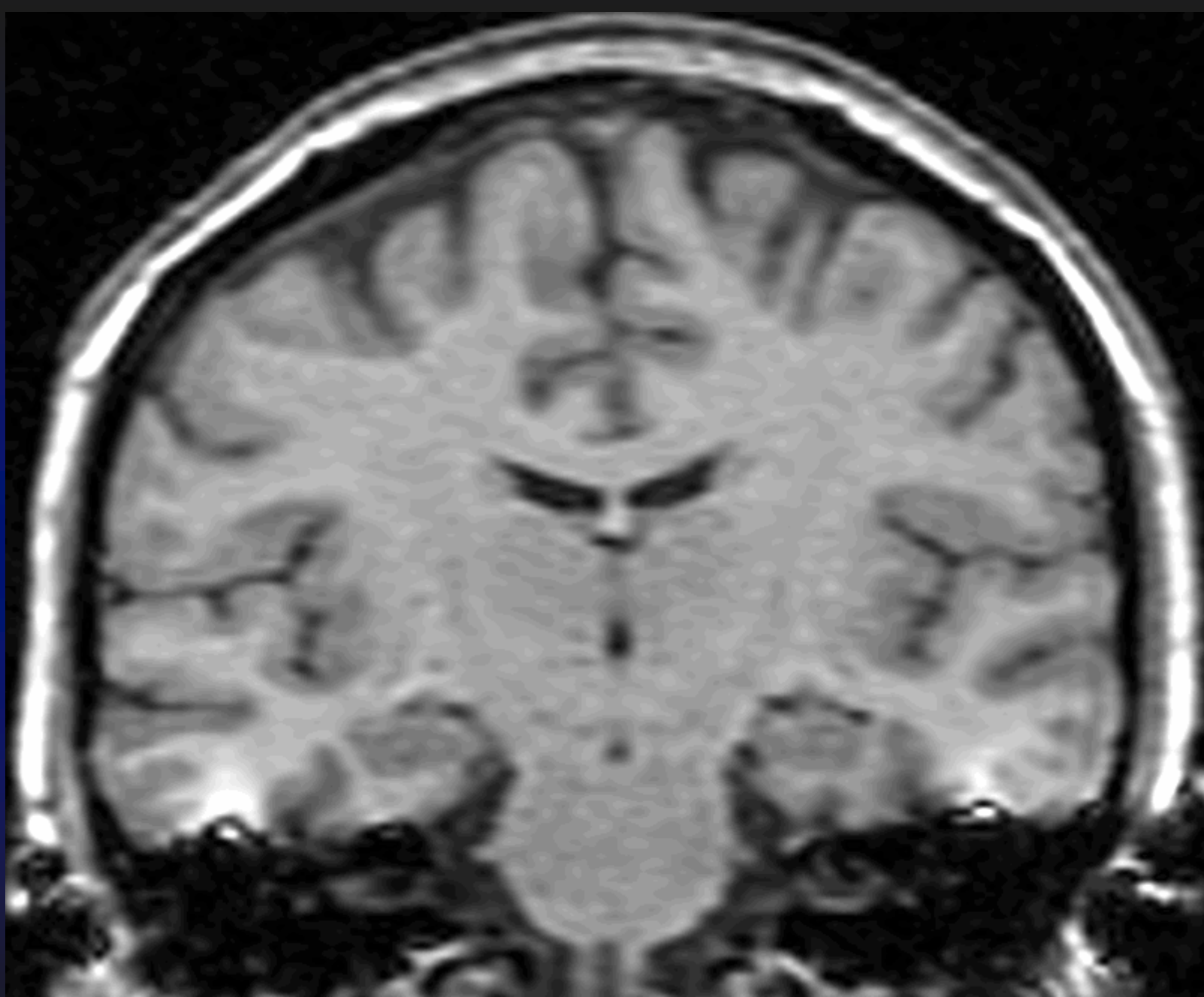
D. LOAD vs Controls



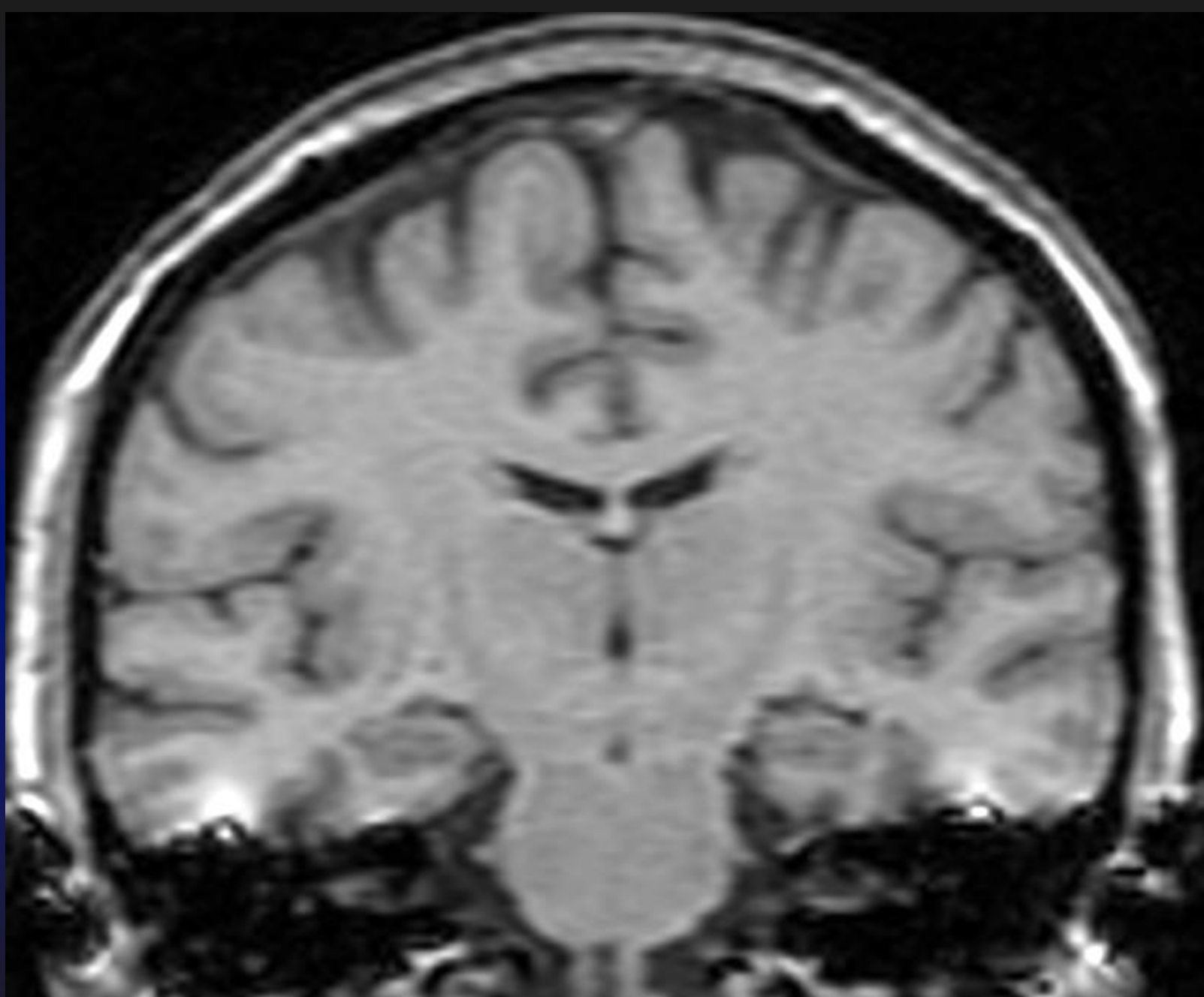
- **Longitudinal structural MRI to track disease progression**



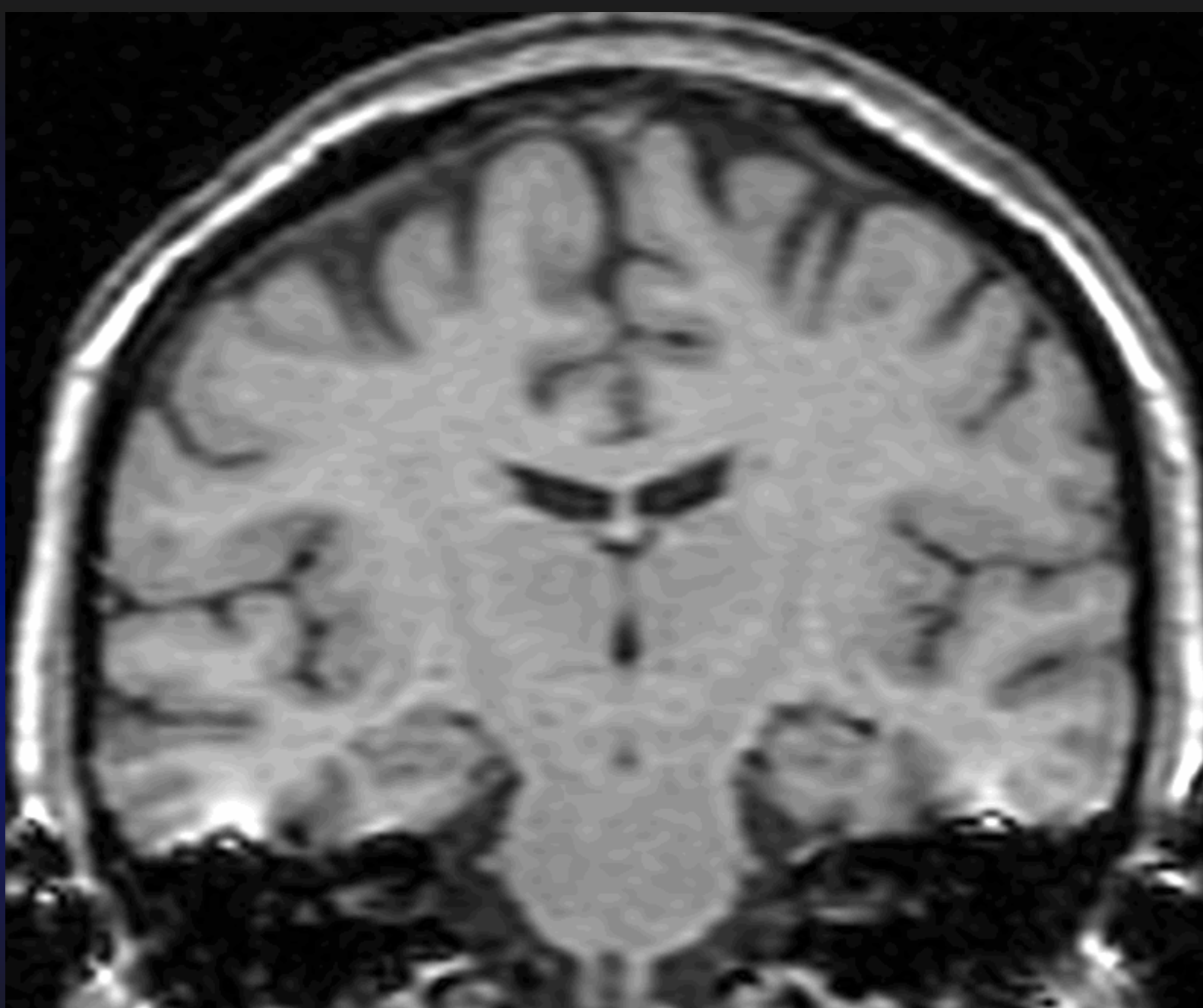
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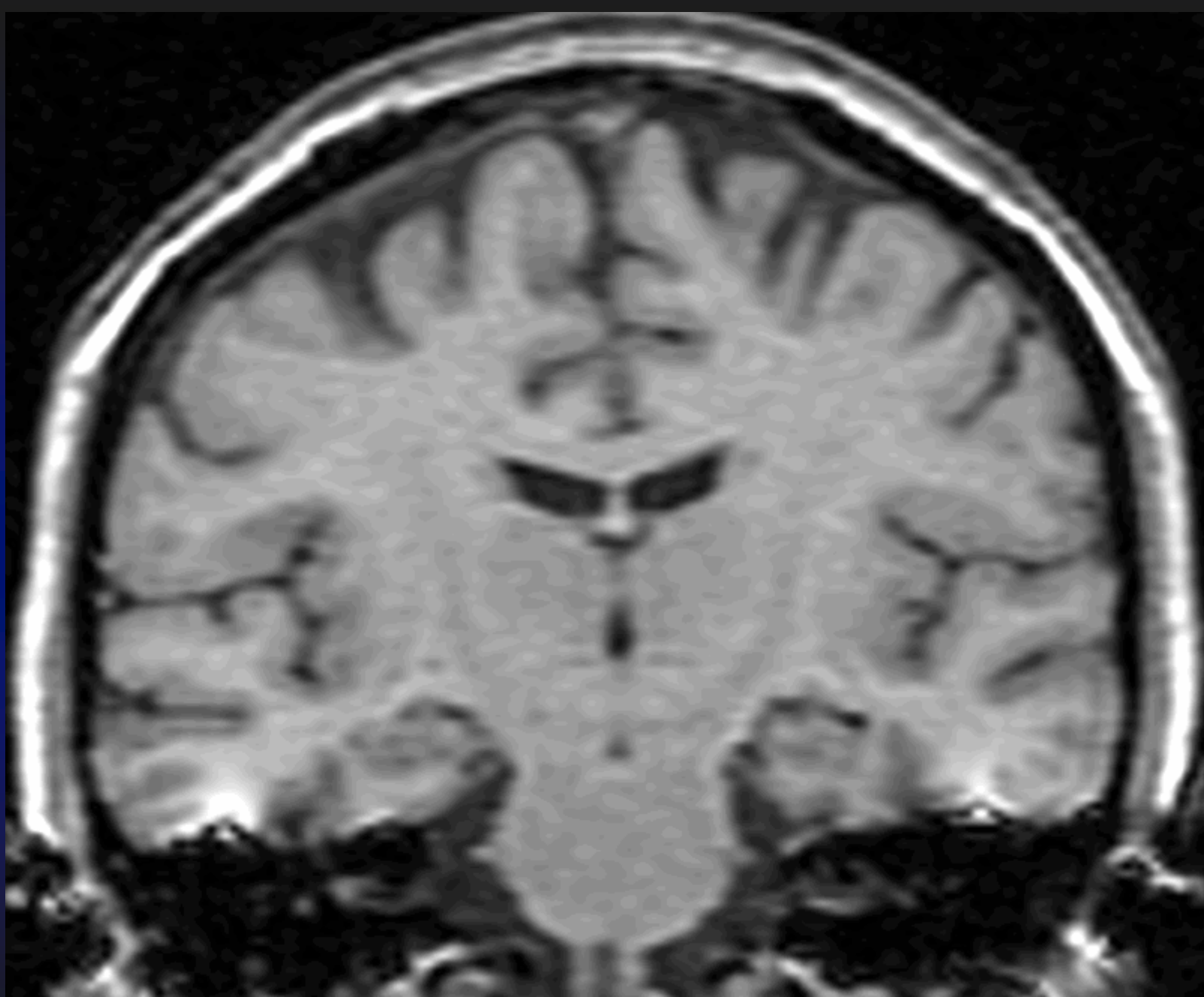
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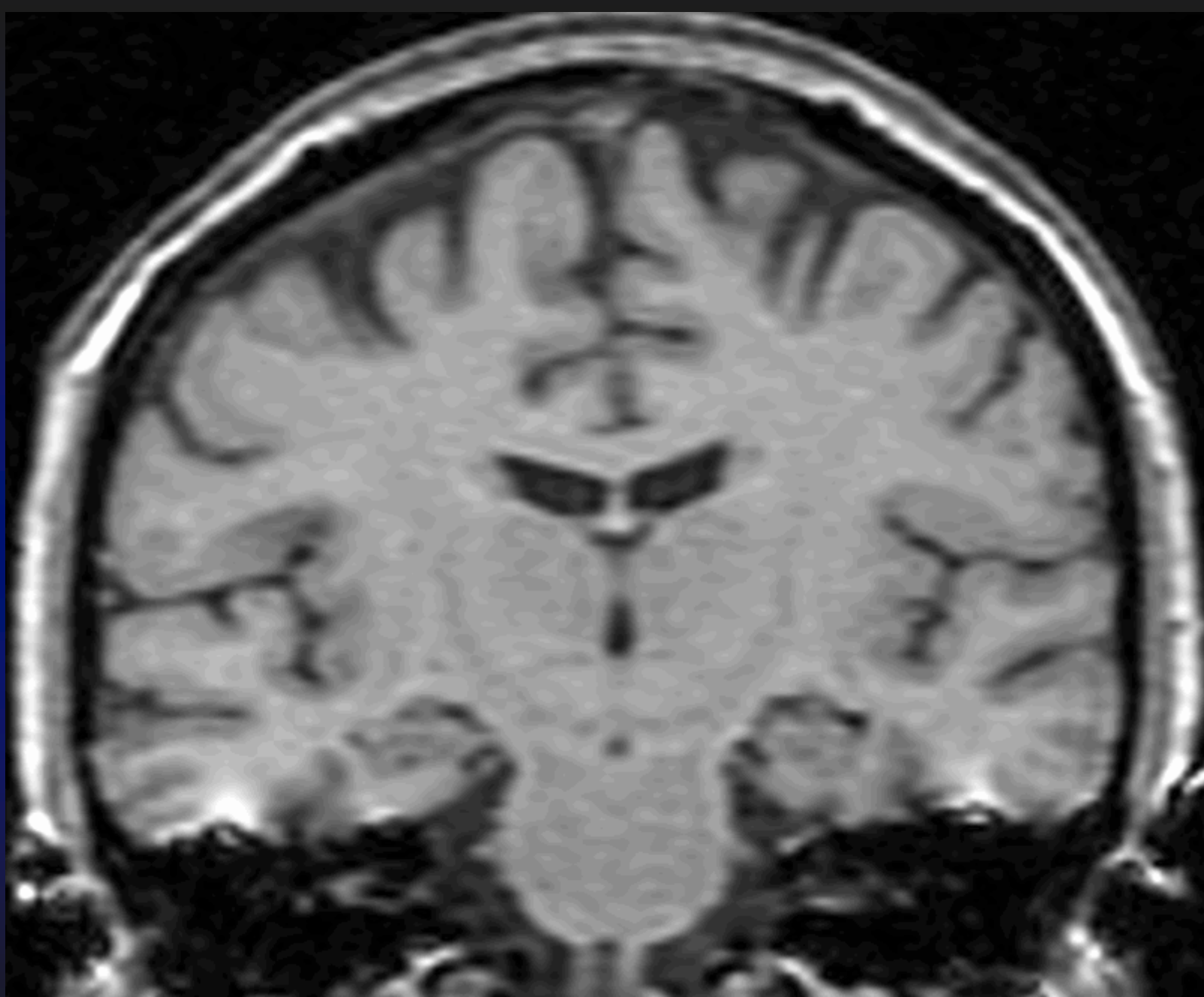
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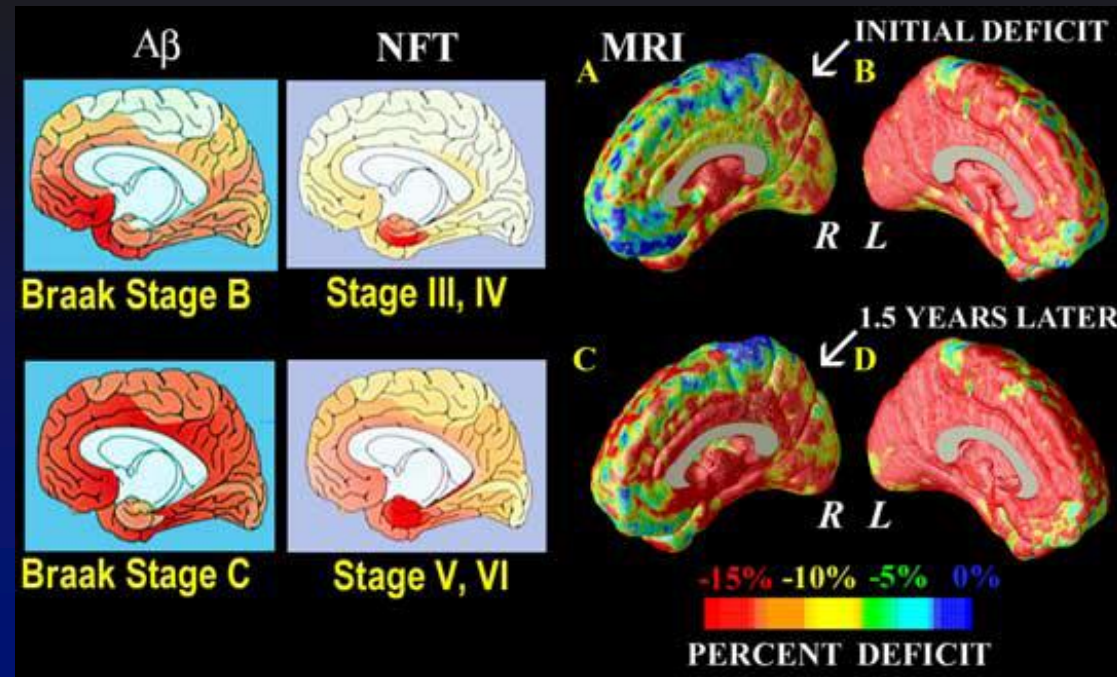
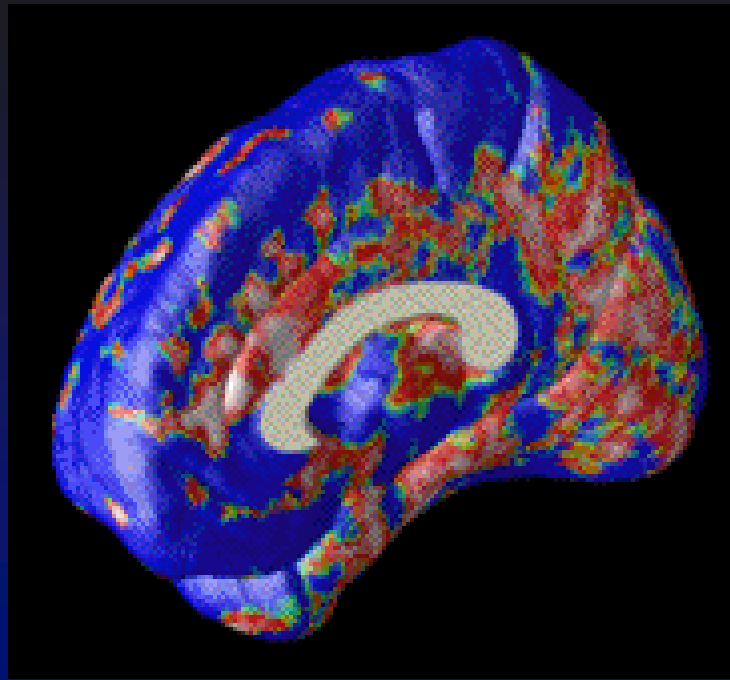
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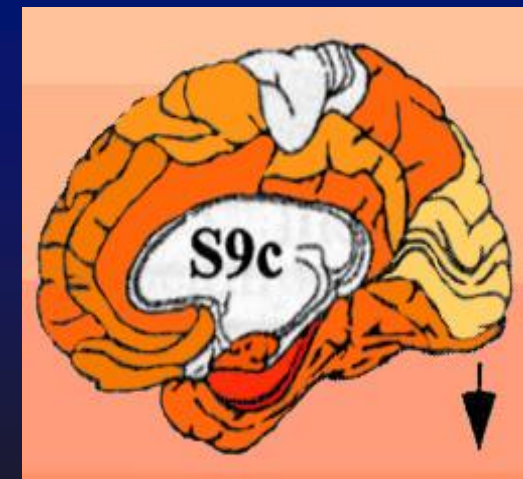
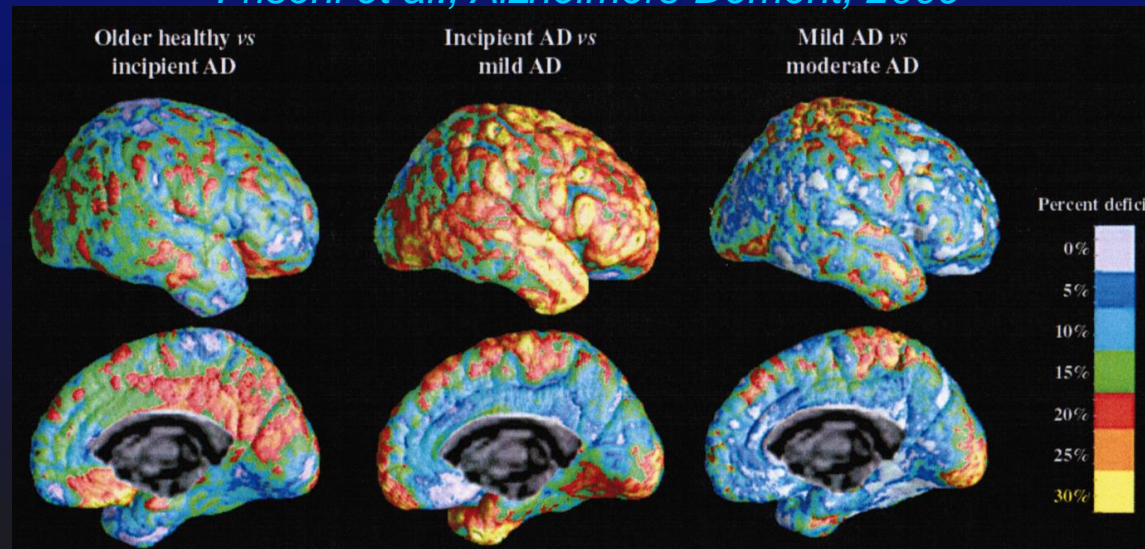
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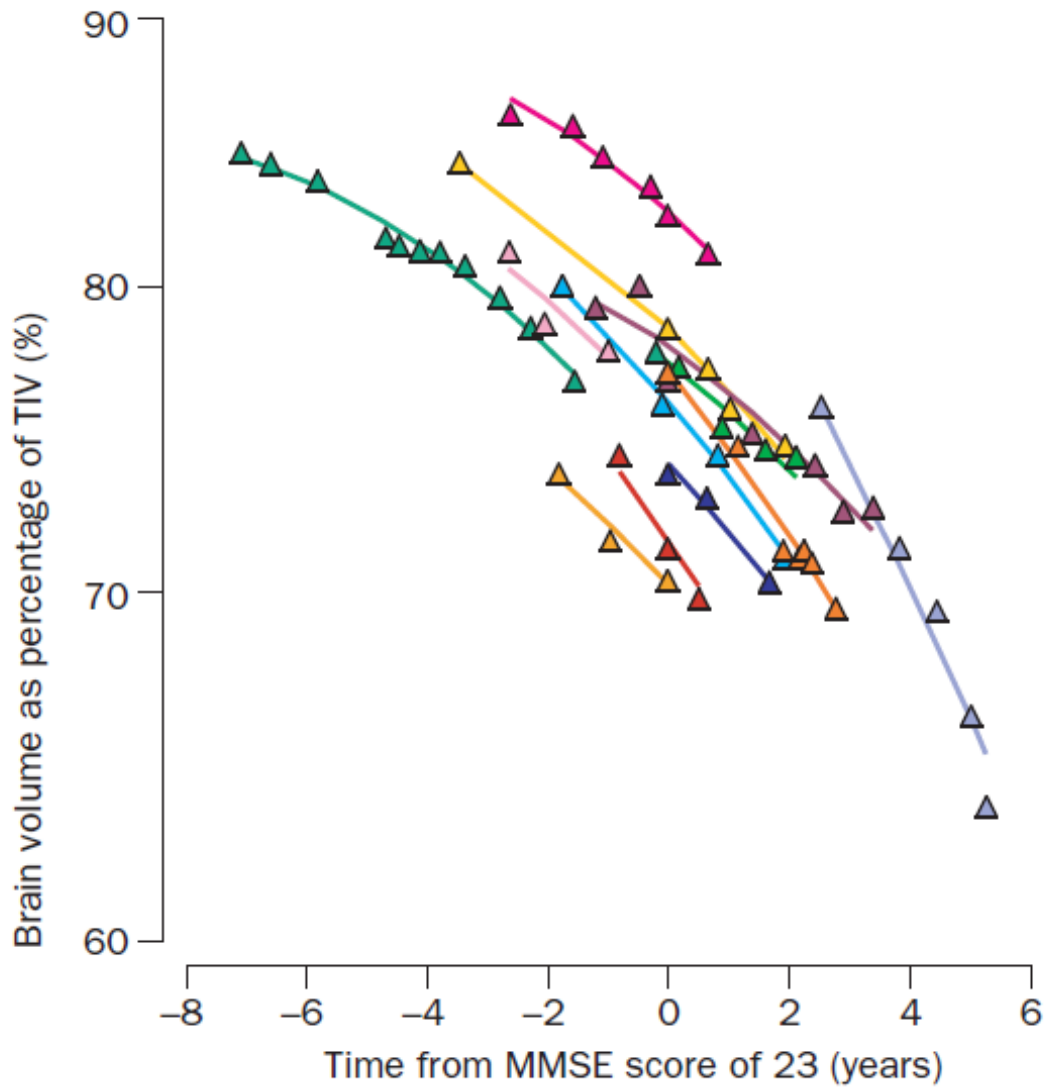
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Cavedo & Frisoni, QJNuclMedMolImaging, 2011 from Frisoni et al., Alzheimers Dement, 2009

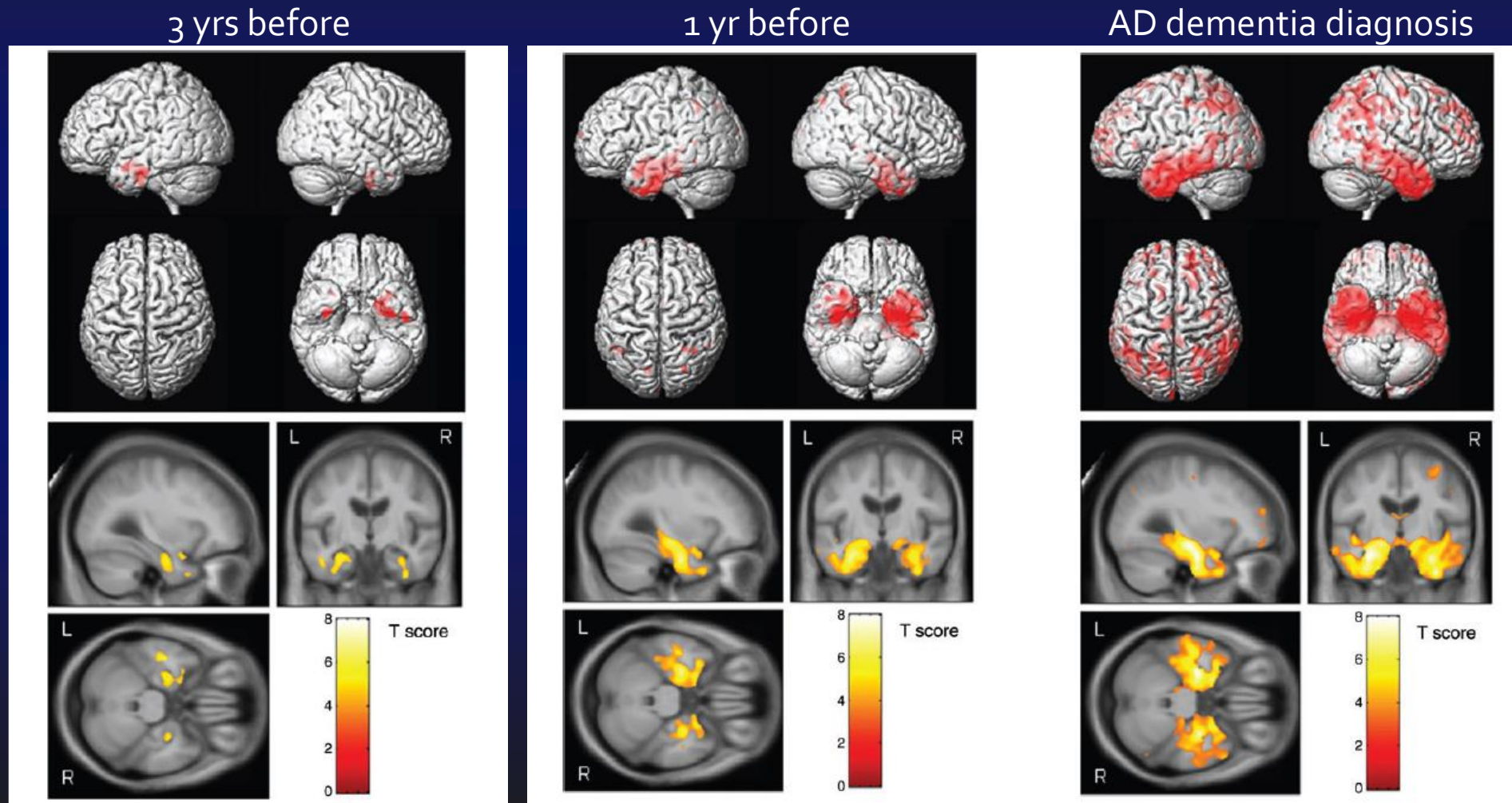


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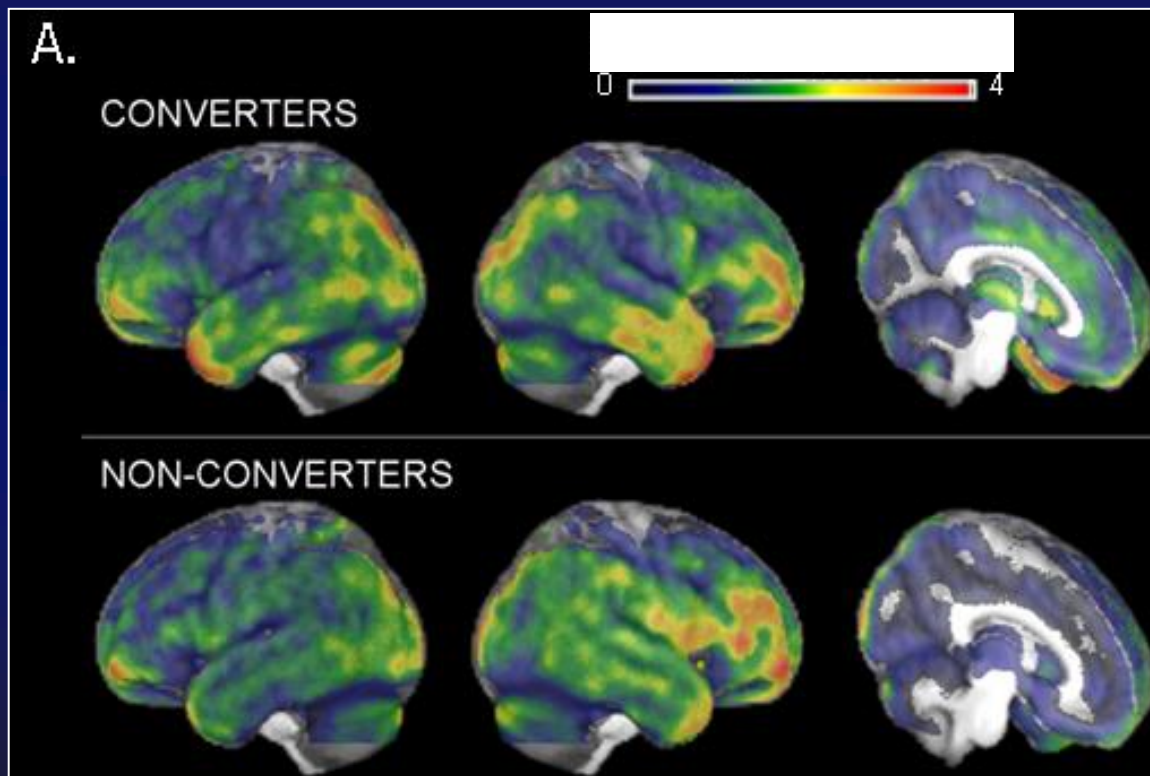
The rate of atrophy increases as the disease progresses

Longitudinal studies: Transition from MCI to AD



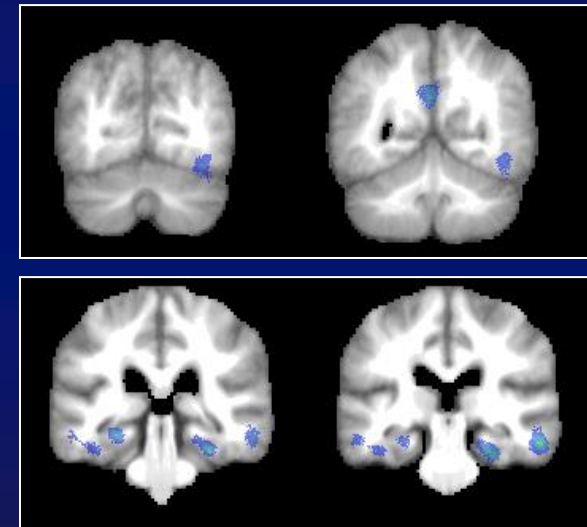
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Evolution of atrophy over 18 months



11 MCI non converters / 7 MCI converters

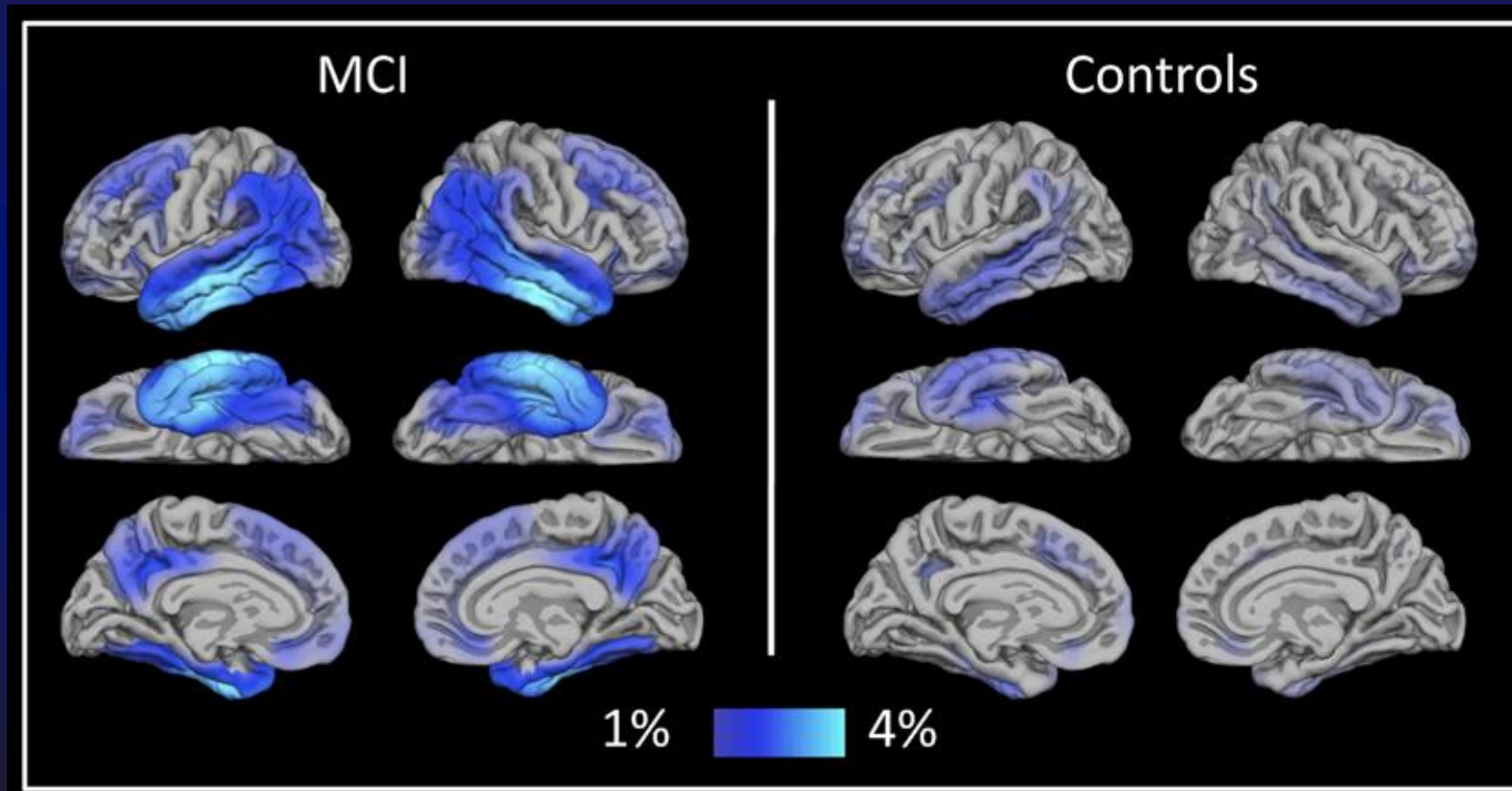
Significantly higher GM loss from
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compared to non-converters



Inf and middle temporal cortex
Hippocampus
Fusiform gyrus
Posterior cingulate cortex

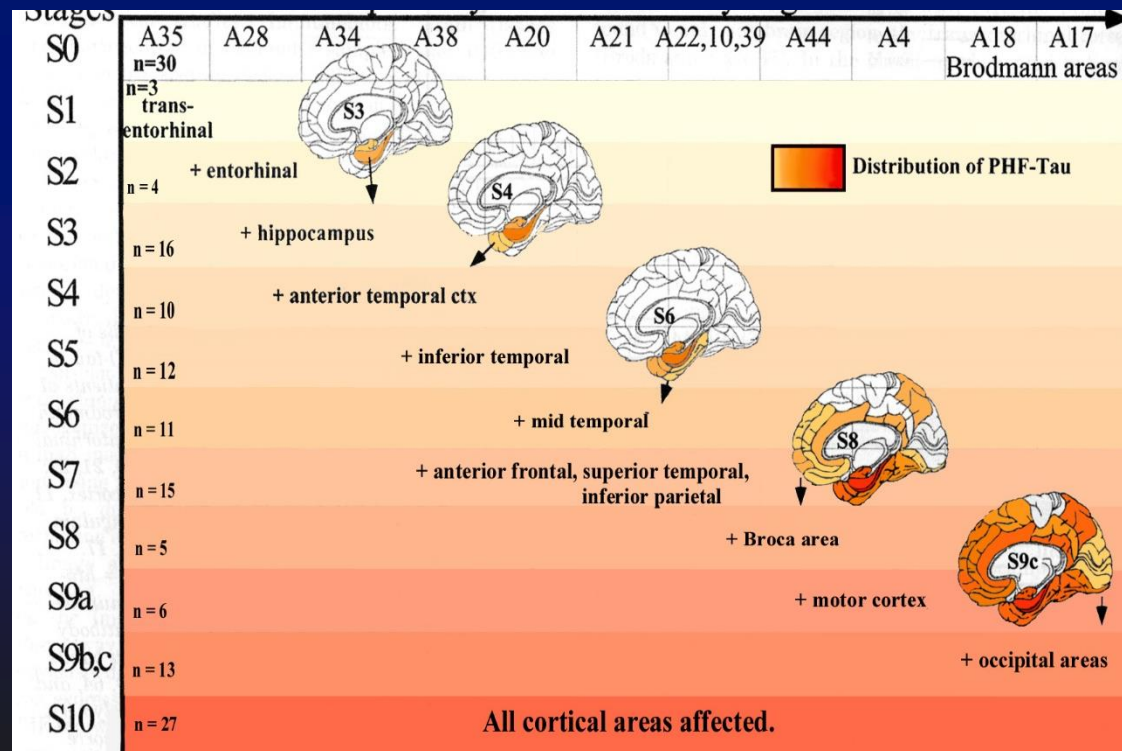
Chételat et al., 2005

Longitudinal studies: Differences from normal aging



Evolution of atrophy - Summary

- START: medial temporal lobe (entorhinal, hcp ++) even before the MCI stage
- Progress to temporal neocortex, then parietal (and frontal) in AD dementia
- Accelerates with the progression of the disease → importance of early diagnosis
- The profile is close to that of NFT



Include here interactive questions:

Part II: order MRI scans (longitudinal study)

The hippocampus in Alzheimer's disease (AD)

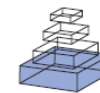
- 1) Introduction: epidemiology, neuropathology and clinical diagnosis
- 2) Neuroimaging techniques and new criteria
- 3) Profile of atrophy in AD: from regions-of-interest to voxelwise analyses
- 4) A differential effect of AD on hippocampal subfields**
- 5) Hippocampal circuitry and connectivity
- 6) Beyond the hippocampus: hippocampal networks

Hippocampal atrophy: LACK OF SPECIFICITY

<i>Disorder</i>	<i>Number of studies</i>	<i>General findings</i>
Temporal lobe epilepsy	84	↓ Hippocampi, most pronounced ipsilateral to epileptic focus
Schizophrenia	76	↓/↔ Hippocampi bilaterally
Alzheimer's disease	56	↓ Hippocampi bilaterally; marker for temporal lobe degeneration
Normal controls	44	Hippocampal volume is dependent on gender, handedness, and age
Other epilepsy	23	↓ Hippocampi bilaterally
Major depression	20	↔/Recently ↓ hippocampi bilaterally have been demonstrated
Aged	15	Smaller hippocampi are associated with normal aging
PTSD	14	↓/↔ Smaller hippocampi bilaterally
Other dementia	11	↓ Hippocampi
Alcoholism	9	↓/↔ Hippocampi bilaterally
Bipolar disorder	7	↓/↑ Hippocampal volume
Mild cognitive impairment	7	Hippocampal volume loss predictive of conversion to AD
TBI	6	↓ Hippocampi bilaterally
Autism	5	↓/↑ Hippocampal volume
Down's syndrome	5	↓ Hippocampal volume bilaterally
APOE-epsilon 4 allele pos	3	Additionally ↓ hippocampi compared to controls
Borderline personality disorder	3	↓ Hippocampi bilaterally
Febrile seizures	3	↓/↔ Hippocampi
Herpes simplex	3	↓ Hippocampi
Korsakoff's syndrome	3	↓/↔ Hippocampi
OCD	3	↓/↔ Hippocampi bilaterally
Amnesia	2	↓ Hippocampi bilaterally which correlates with impaired memory
Cardiac arrest	2	↓ Hippocampi
Cushing's disease	2	↓ Hippocampi bilaterally; volume increases after treatment
Fragile X syndrome	2	↑ Hippocampi bilaterally
Low birth weight	2	↓ Hippocampi
Panic disorder	2	↔ Hippocampi compared to controls
Parkinson's disease	2	↓ Hippocampi bilaterally
ADHD	1	↔ Hippocampi compared to controls
Anorexia nervosa	1	↔ Hippocampi compared to controls
Antisocial personality disorder	1	Volume of posterior hippocampi negatively correlated to psychopathy
Breast cancer surgery	1	↓ Left hippocampi in women with distressing recollections
Congenital adrenal hyperplasia	1	↔ Hippocampi compared to controls
Fetal alcohol syndrome	1	↔ Hippocampi compared to controls
Huntington	1	↓ Hippocampi bilaterally
Sleep apnea	1	↓ Gray matter concentration in hippocampi
Turner's syndrome	1	↓ Hippocampi bilaterally

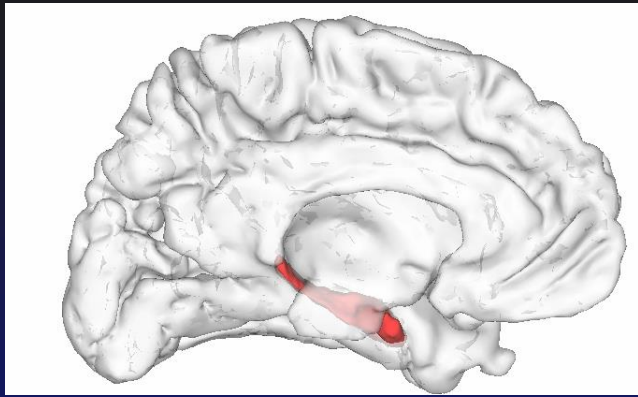
↓ = smaller ↑ = larger ↓/↑ = both smaller and larger hippocampal volumes haven been reported ↔ no significant changes ↓/↔ = both smaller and no significant studies have been reported.

Geuze et al.
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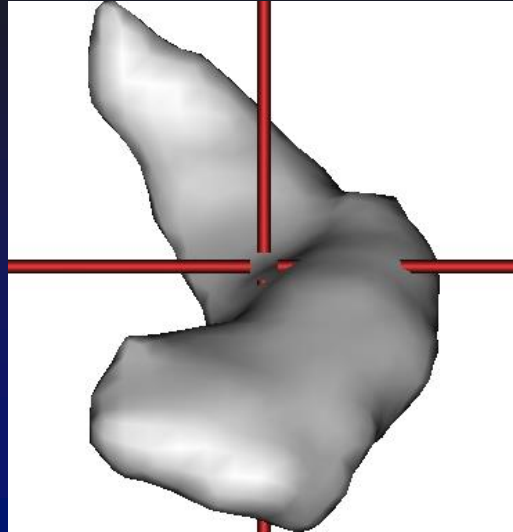


Why looking at the whole hippocampus is not enough—a critical role for anteroposterior axis, subfield and activation analyses to enhance predictive value of hippocampal changes for Alzheimer's disease diagnosis

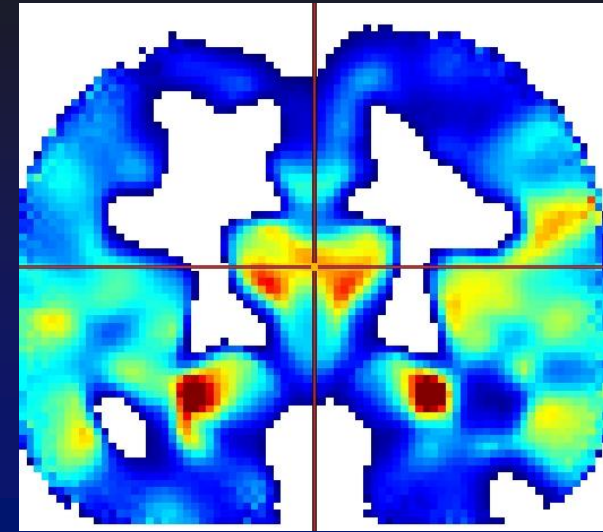
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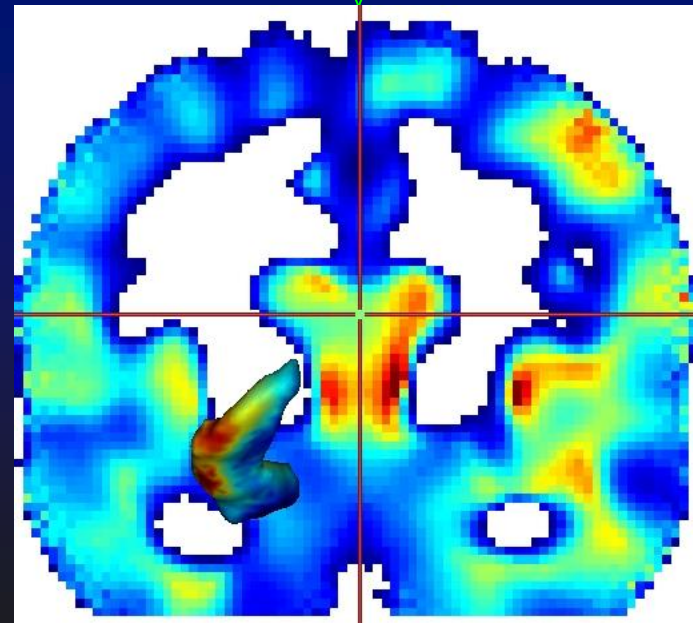
3D hippocampal surface



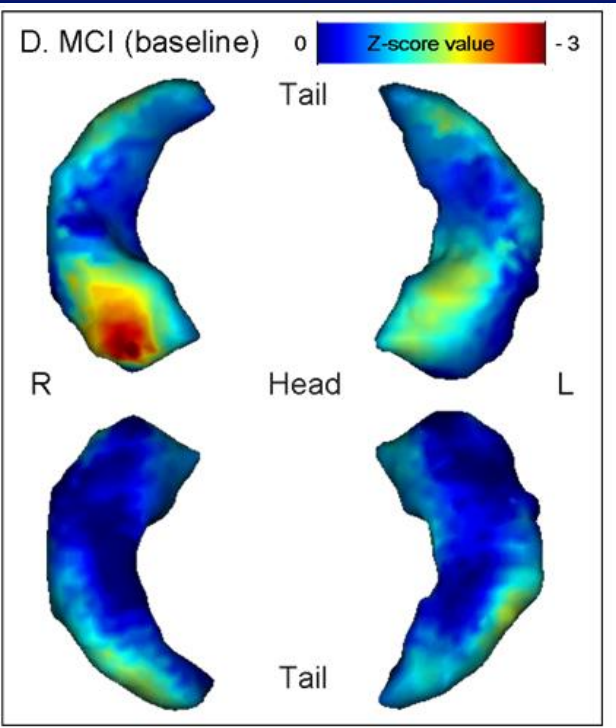
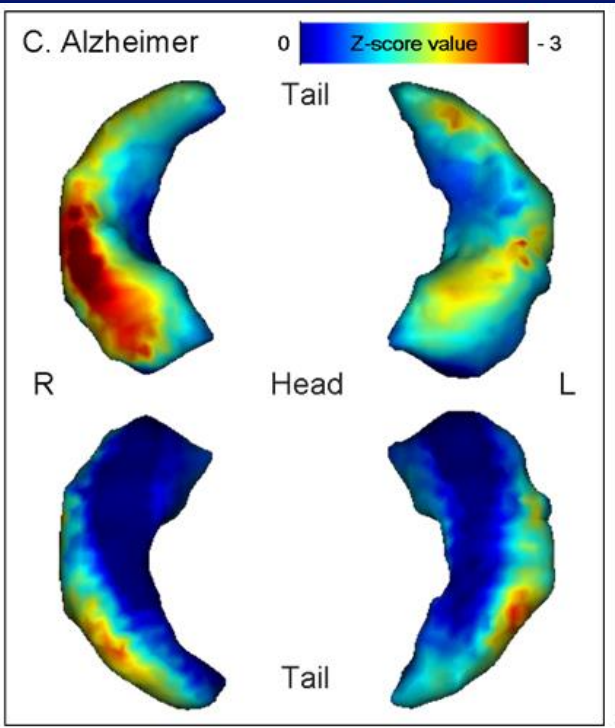
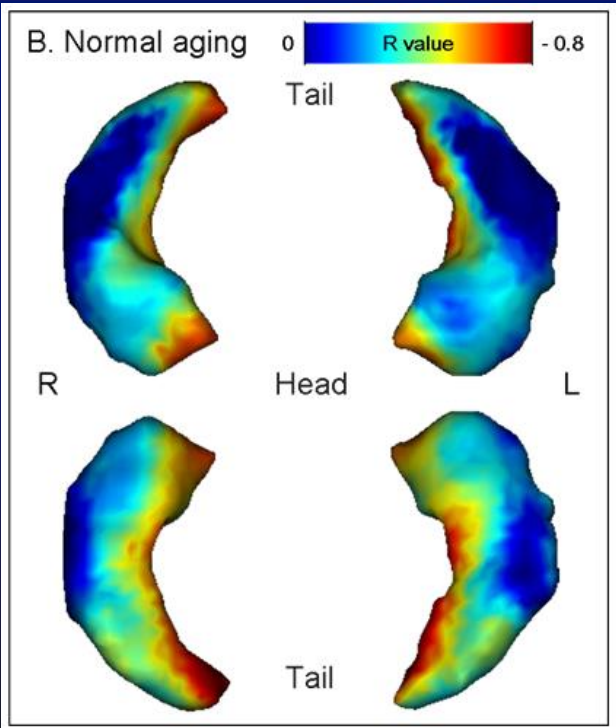
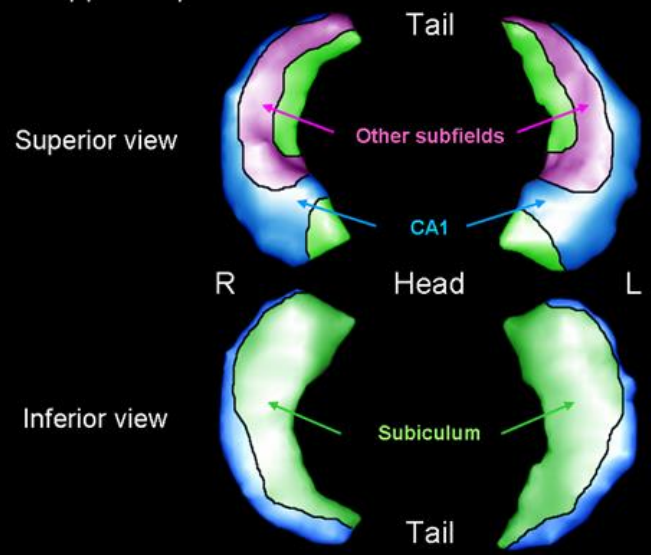
SPM-T map of GM atrophy

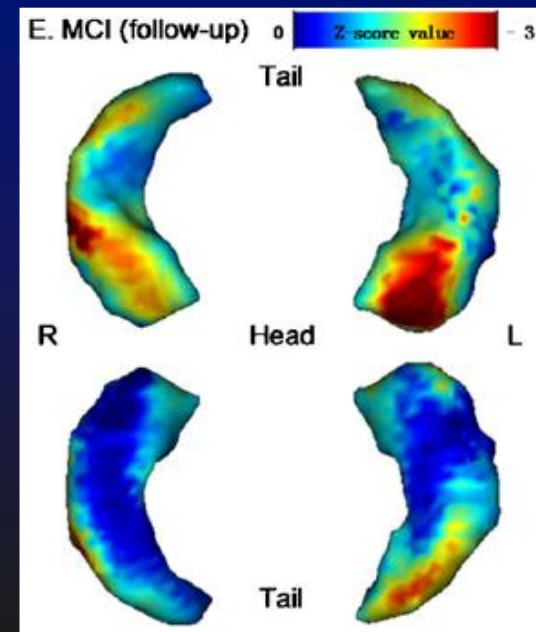
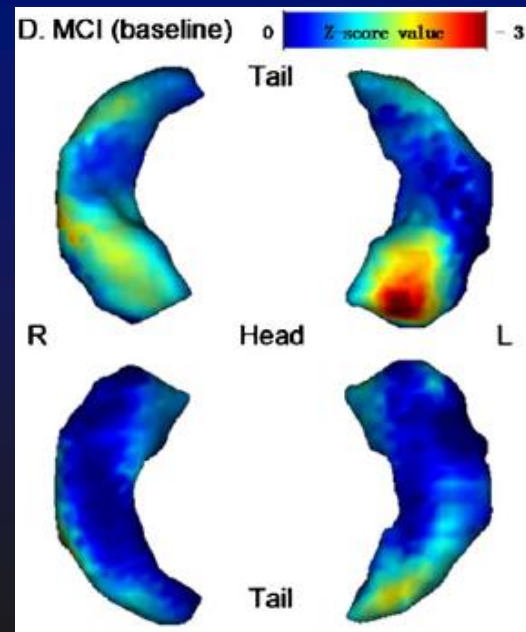
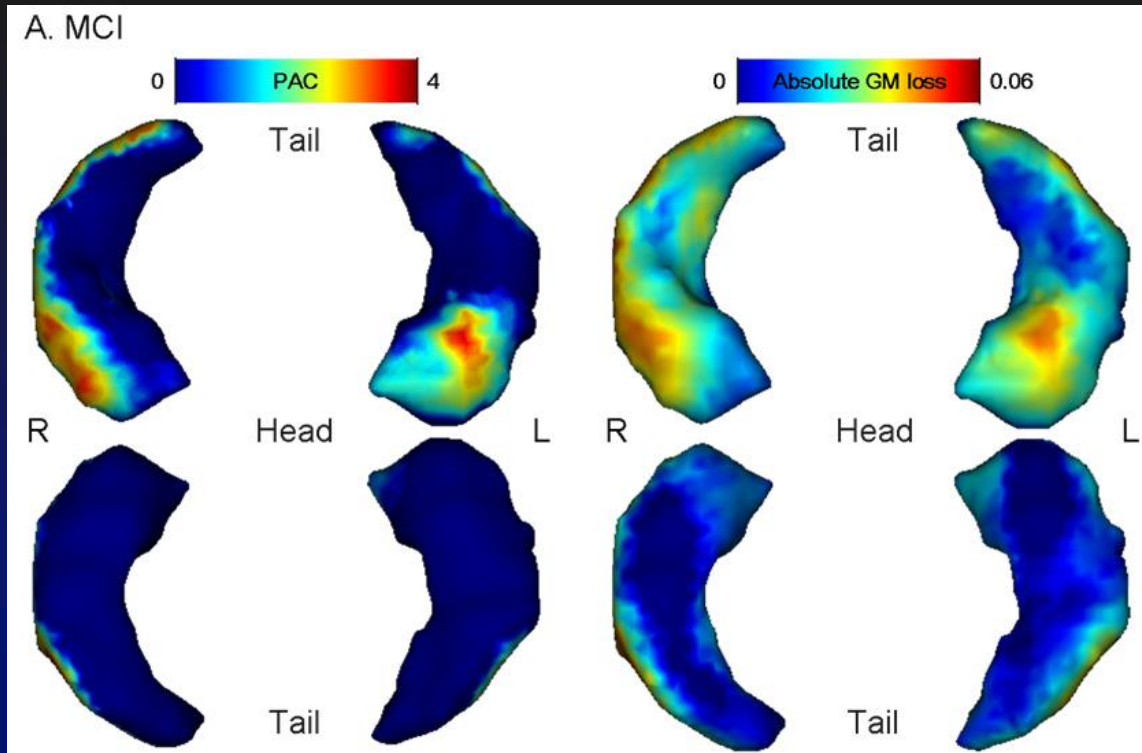


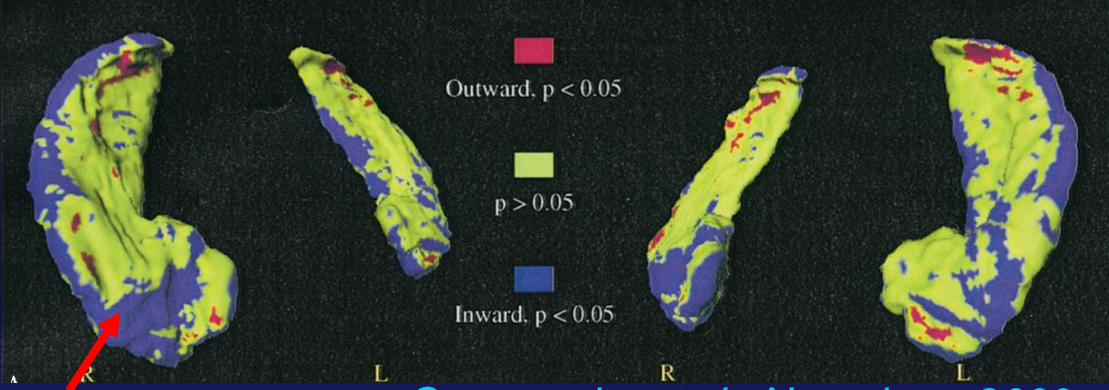
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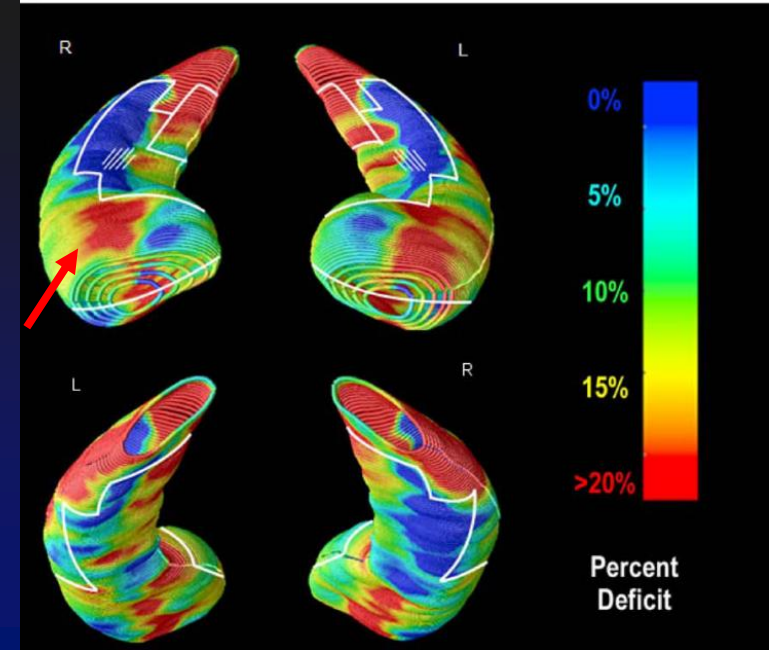
A. Hippocampal subfields



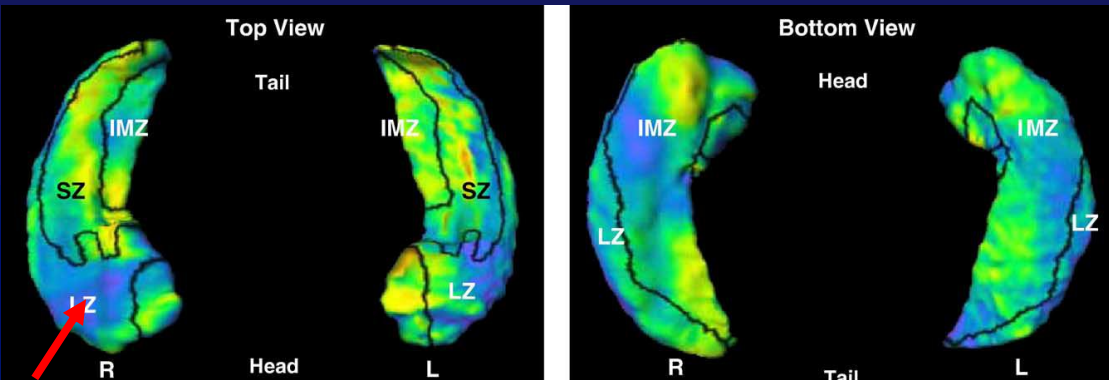




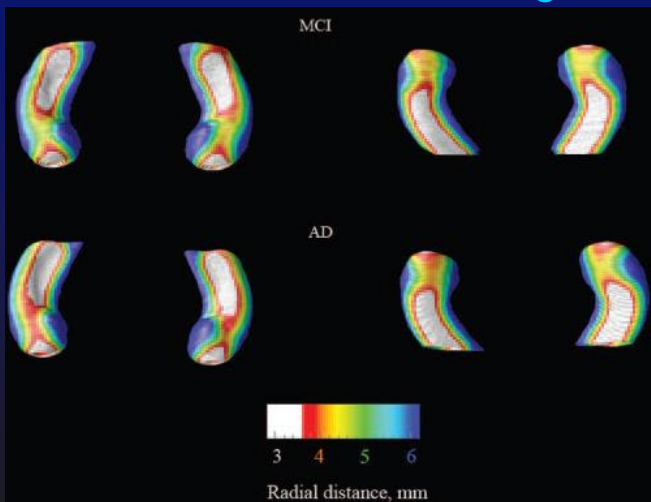
Csernansky et al., Neurology, 2000



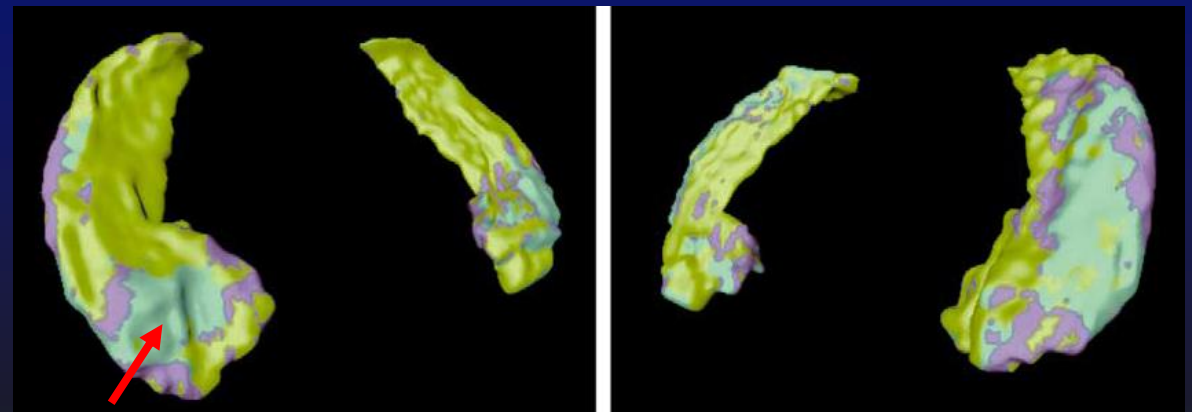
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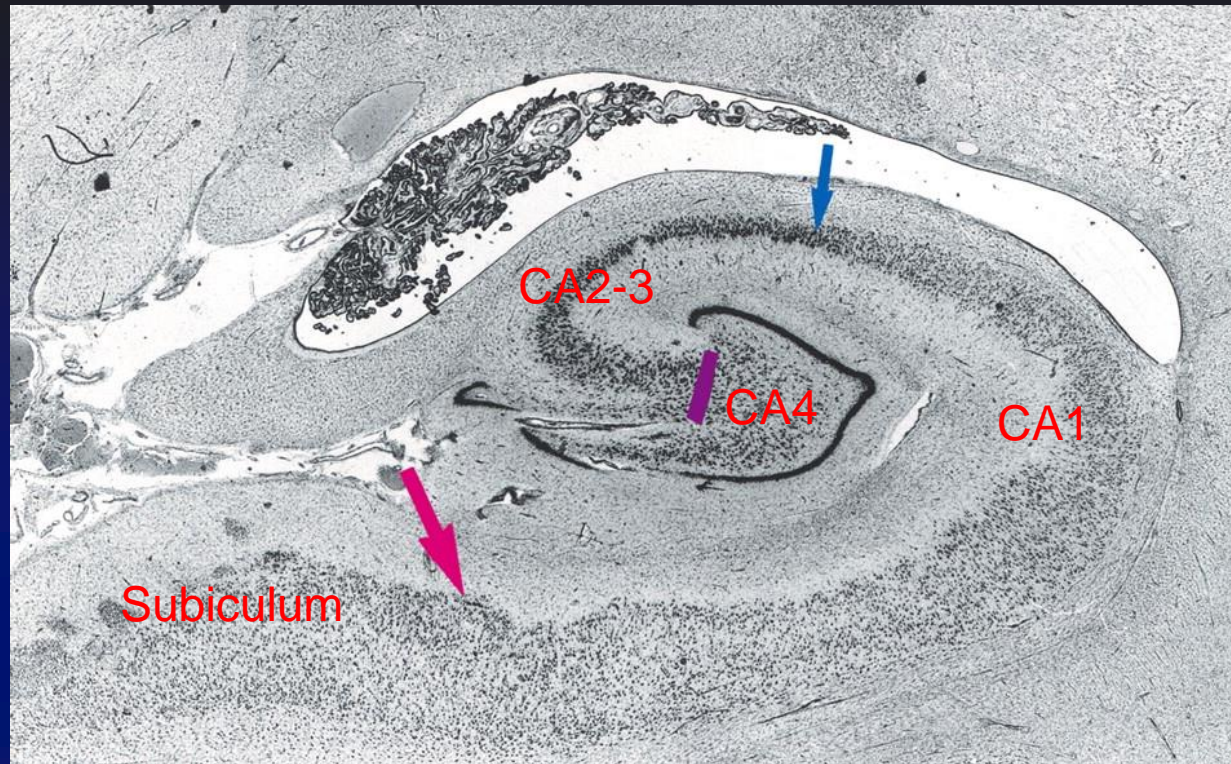
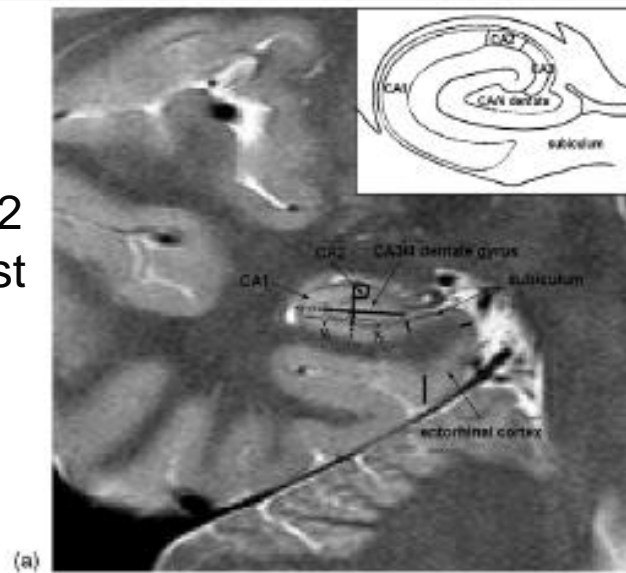
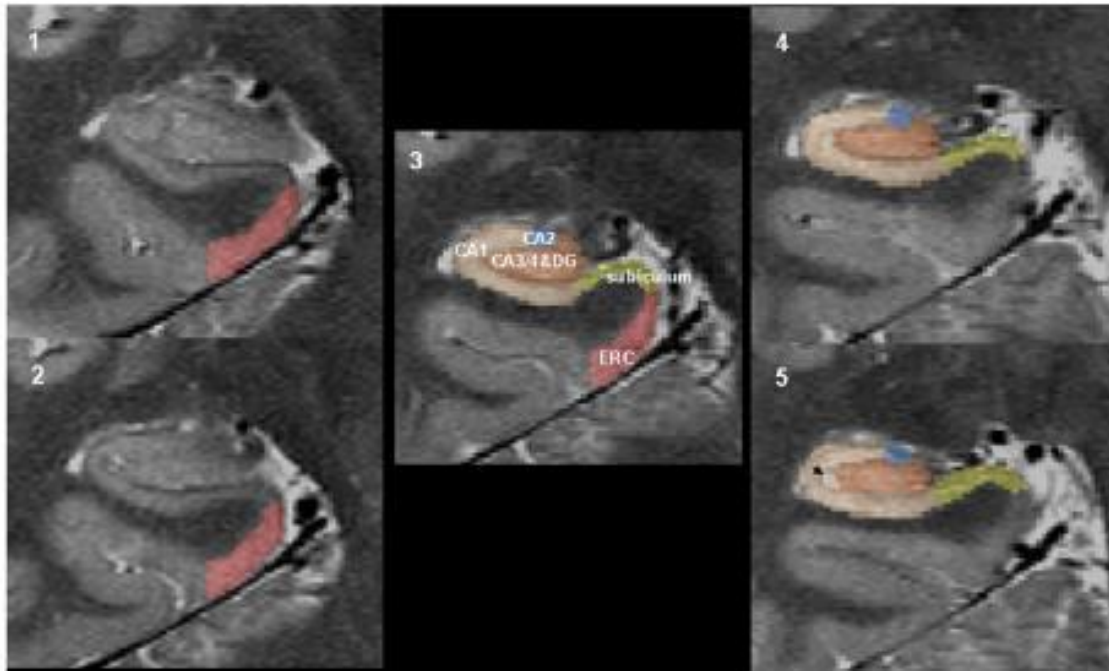


Figure 1.: Transverse Section of the Body of the Hippocampus Showing Divisions Between CA4 and CA3, CA2 and CA1, and CA1 and the Subiculum^a
^aThe purple bar marks the division between CA4 and CA3. The blue arrow marks the division between CA2 and CA1, and the red arrow marks the division between CA1 and the subiculum. The margin of the subiculum is at the left-hand margin of the figure.

MRI: high resolution T2 weighted fast spin echo sequence



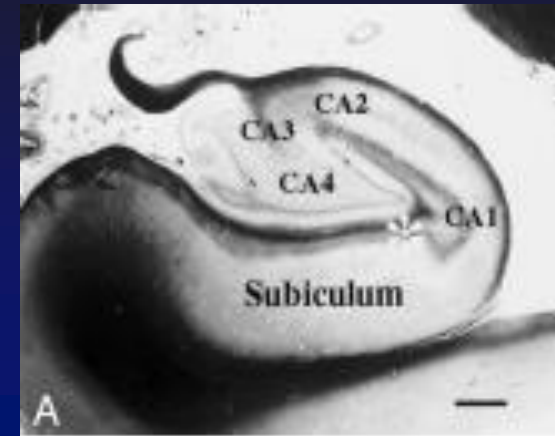
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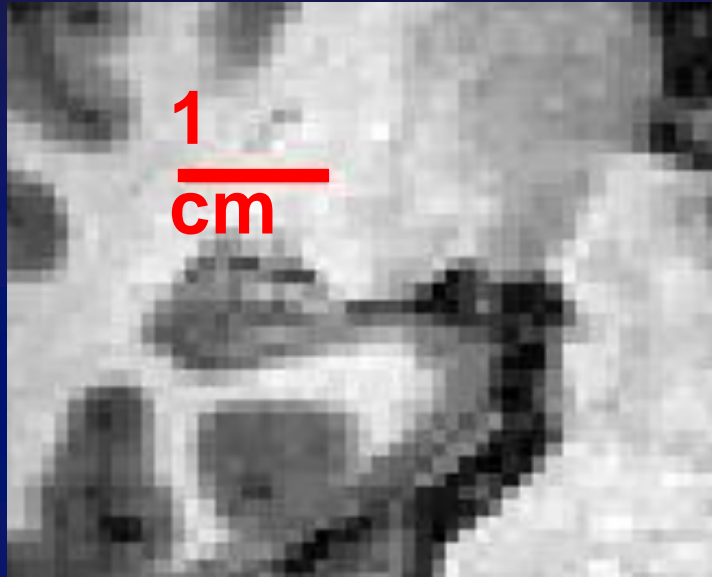
Fig. 2. (a) The marking scheme used in the study. The inset shows a diagram of the hippocampal subfield derived from a histological specimen (adapted from Ref. [5]). As it is not possible to identify individual hippocampal layers at this field strength, the scheme was based on reliably recognizable anatomical landmarks even though this resulted in a part of the prosubiculum and subiculum proper being counted towards the CA1 sector. (b) A typical example of hippocampal subfield markings. No. 1 is the most anterior slice, No. 5 is the most posterior slice. Slice 3 is the referred in the text as "starting" slice. The arrow on slice 5 indicates a cyst in the vestigial hippocampal sulcus which was excluded from the measurement.

Coronal photomicrographs of normal and atrophic hippocampus (Klüver-Barrera stain).



Adachi et al., 2003

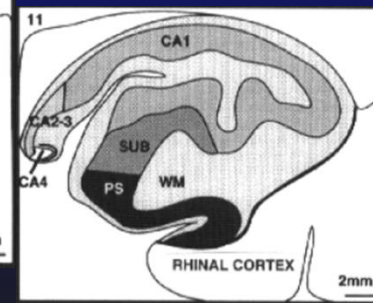
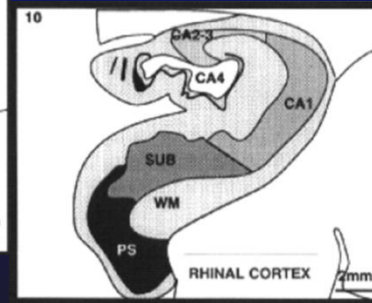
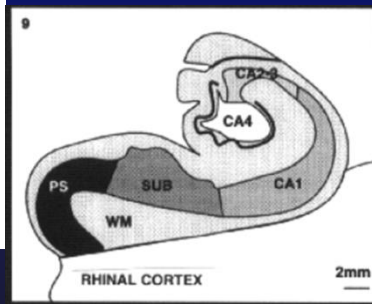
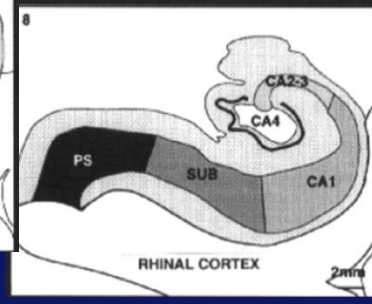
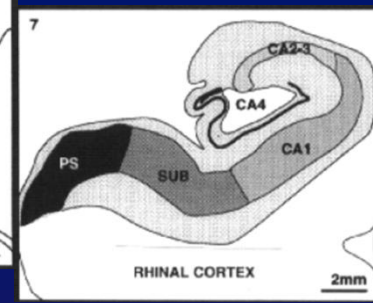
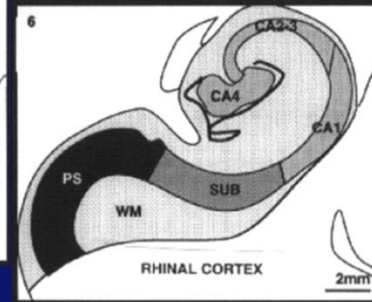
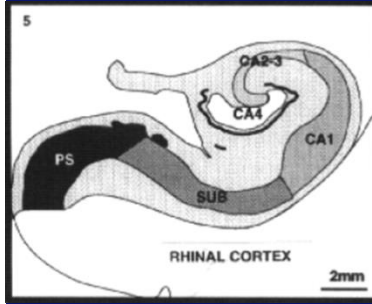
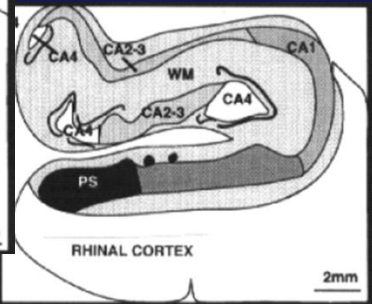
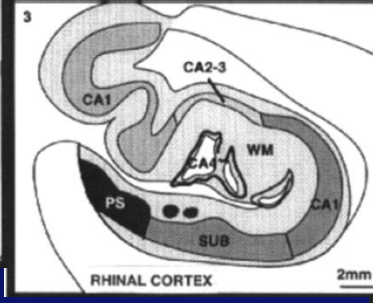
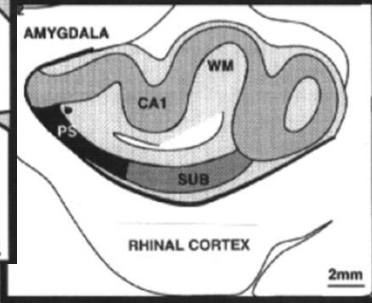
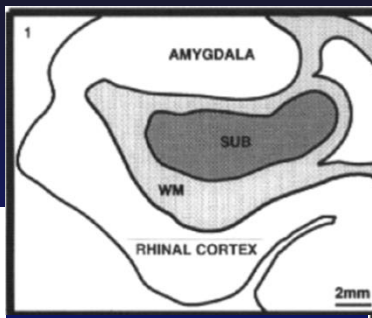
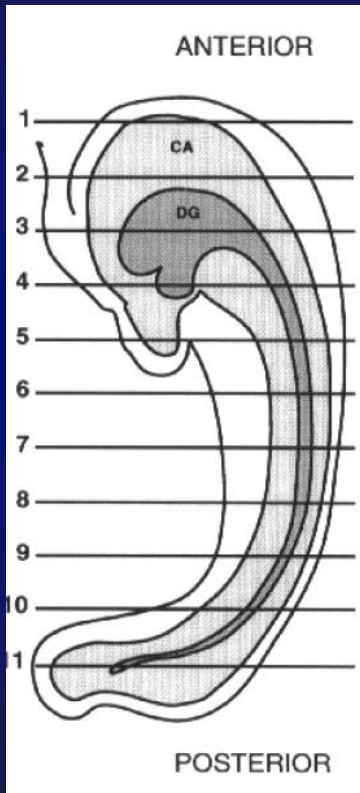
Mueller et al., 2007



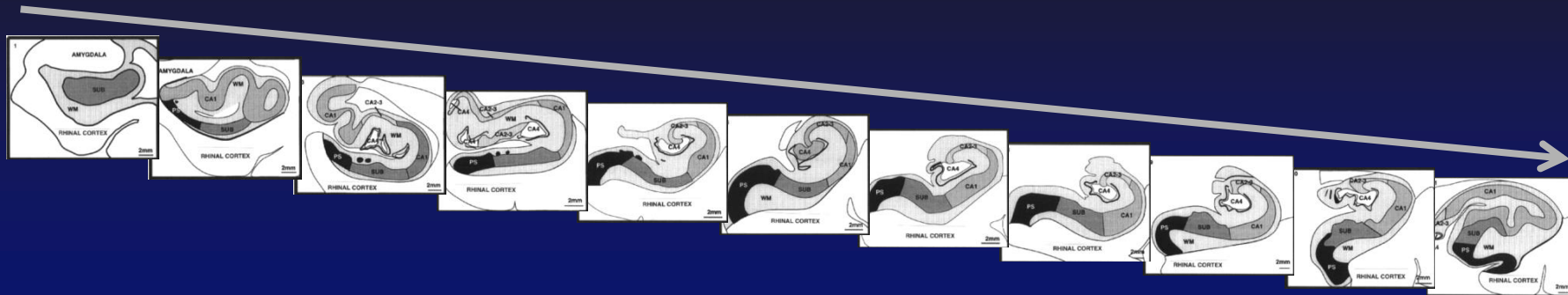
T1 MRI
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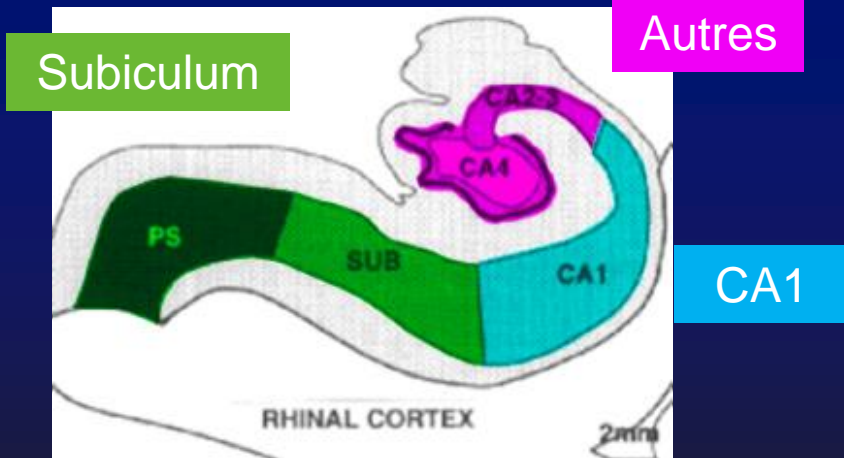
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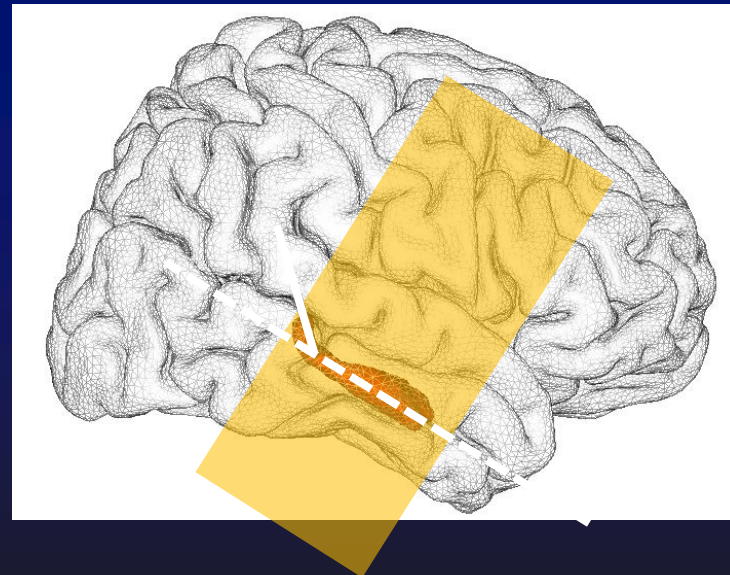
Harding *et al.*, 1998
 From Duvernoy 2005

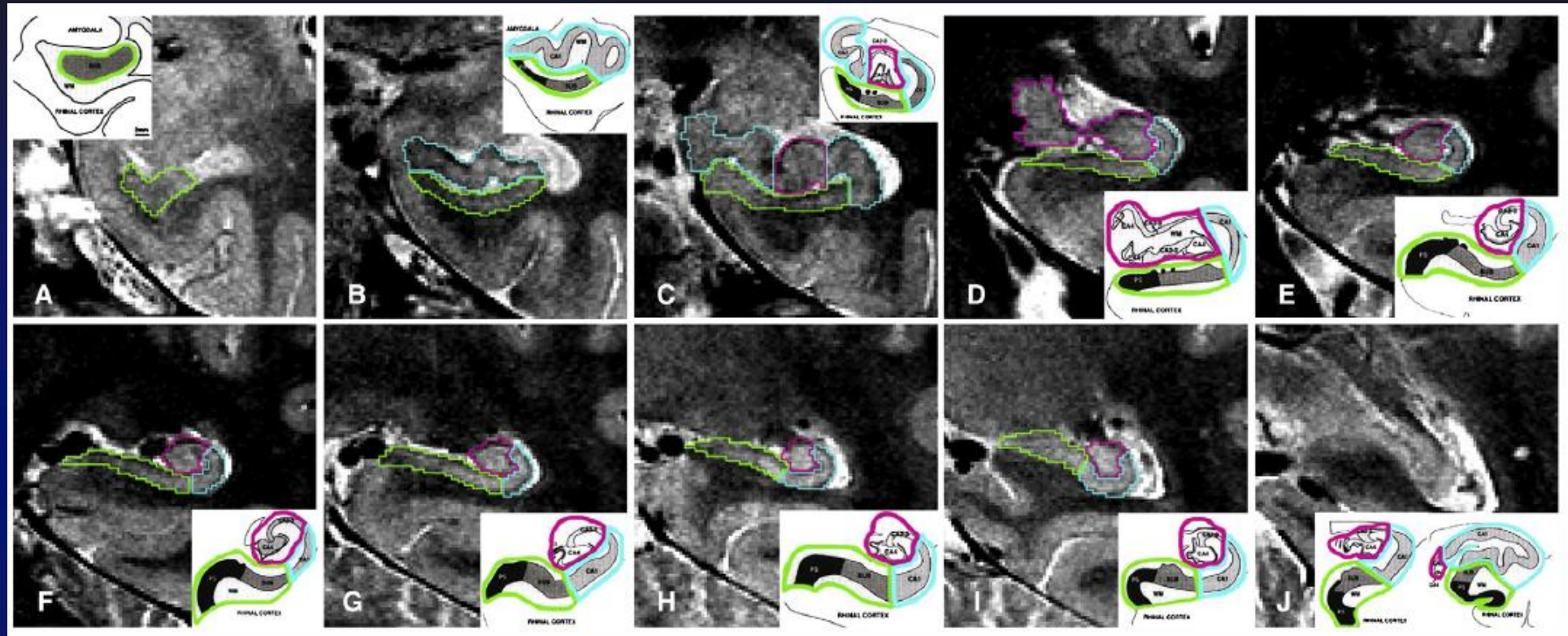


Pooling of regions



Suppression of posterior slices





ICC (intra-class correlation coefficient):

CA1 = 0,94

Subiculum = 0,89

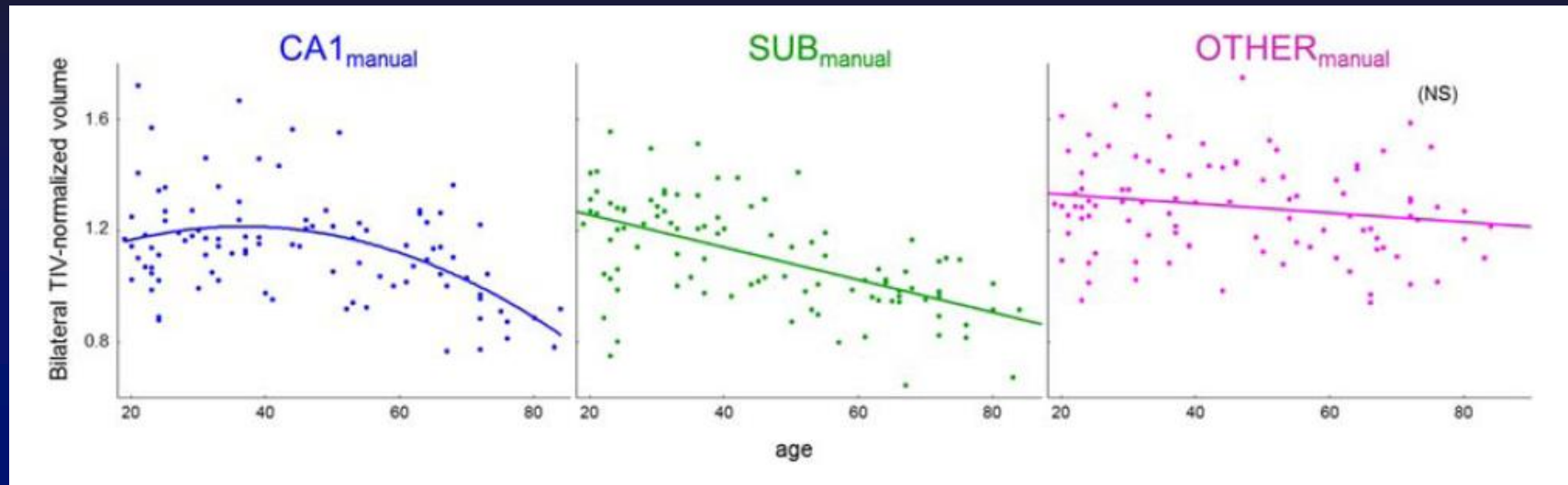
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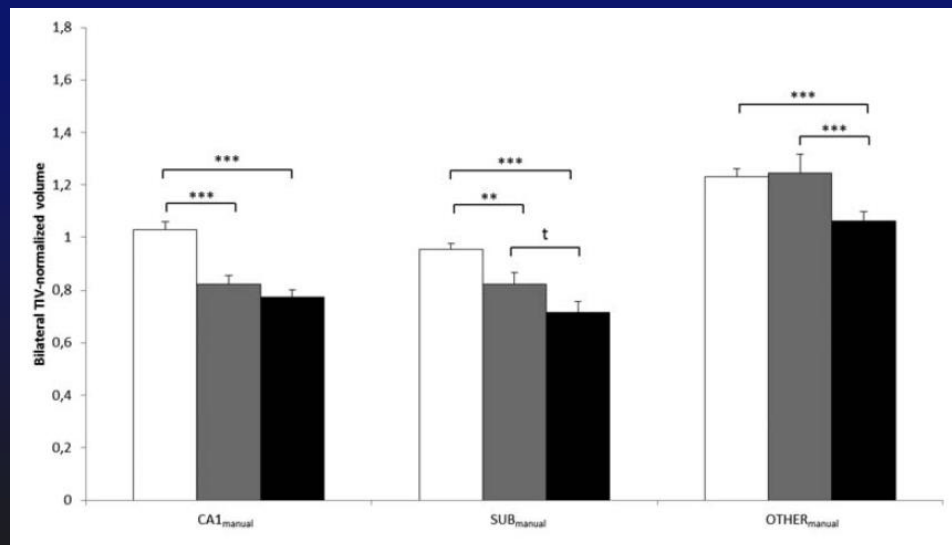
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Early diagnosis: hippocampal subfields

Normal aging



Alzheimer's disease

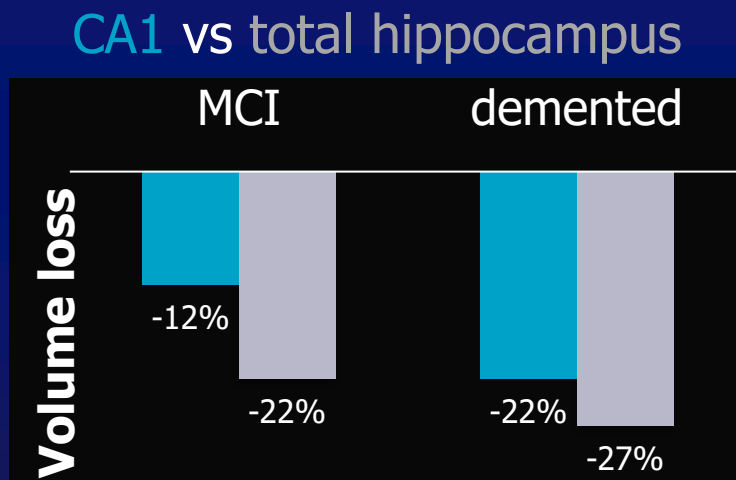


Elderly
MCI
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Hippocampal subfield volumetry

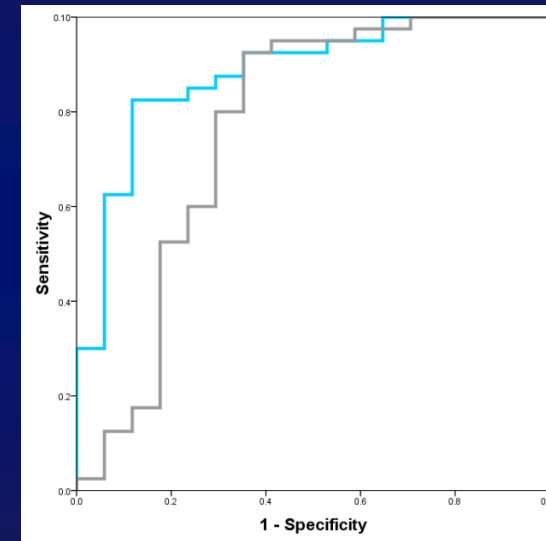


AUC

0,88

VS

0,76



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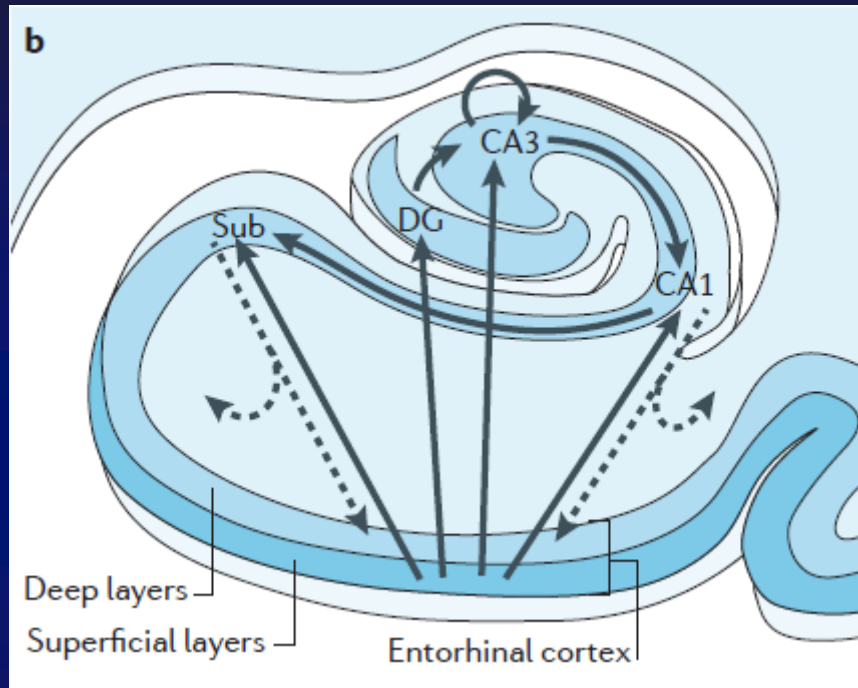
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Small et al., 2011

The organization of the hippocampal formation. b | In the hippocampal transverse axis, **superficial layers of the entorhinal cortex** connect with the dentate gyrus (**DG**), **CA3**, **CA1** and the **subiculum** (Sub). The **trisynaptic circuit** connects the **DG to CA3**, to **CA1** and to the **subiculum**. Through auto-association fibres, **CA3** neurons interconnect with other **CA3** neurons throughout the long axis. The **CA1** and primarily the **subiculum** provide the main hippocampal outflow (shown by dashed arrows), back to the **deep layers of the entorhinal cortex** and also to a range of **cortical and subcortical sites**.

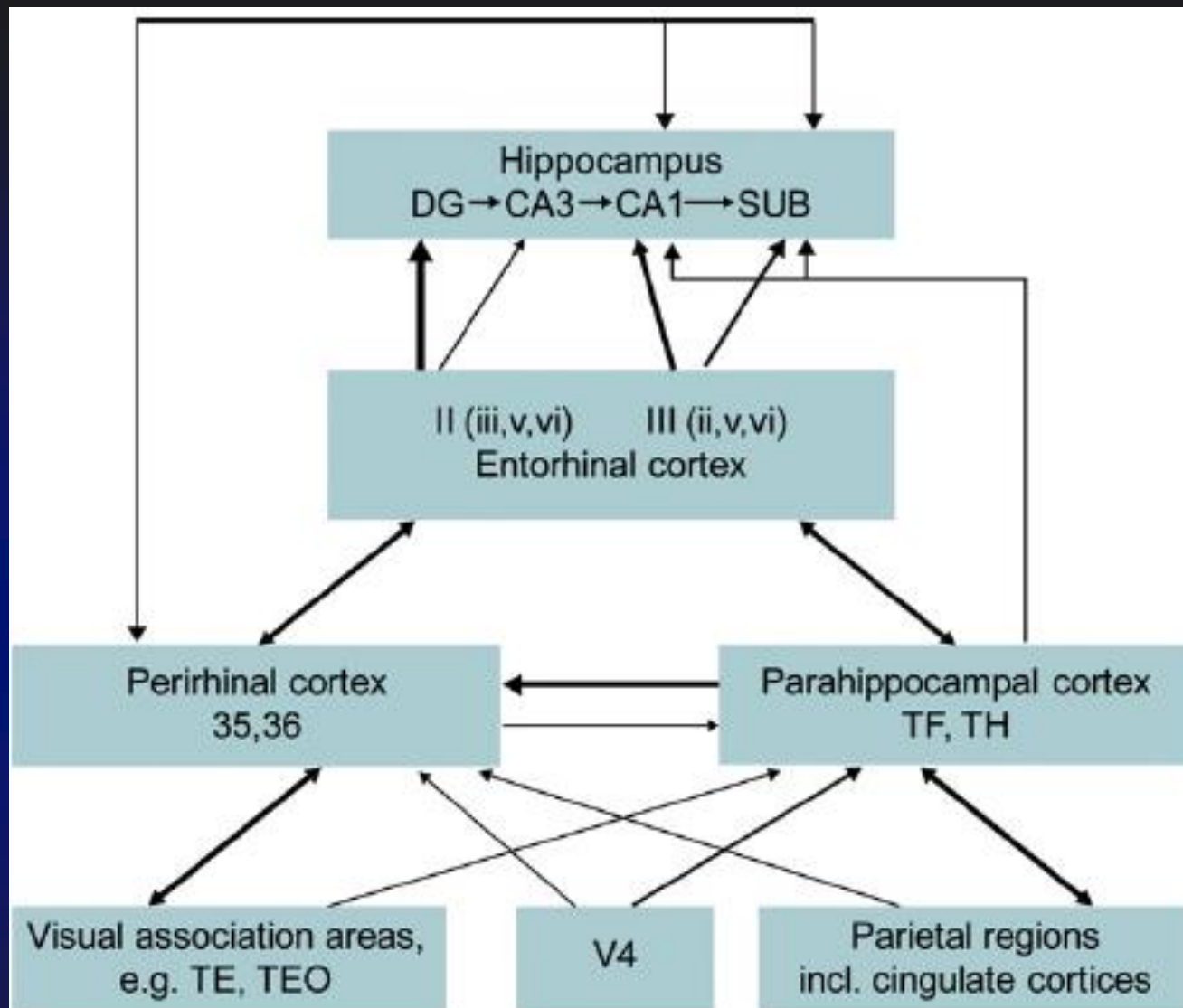
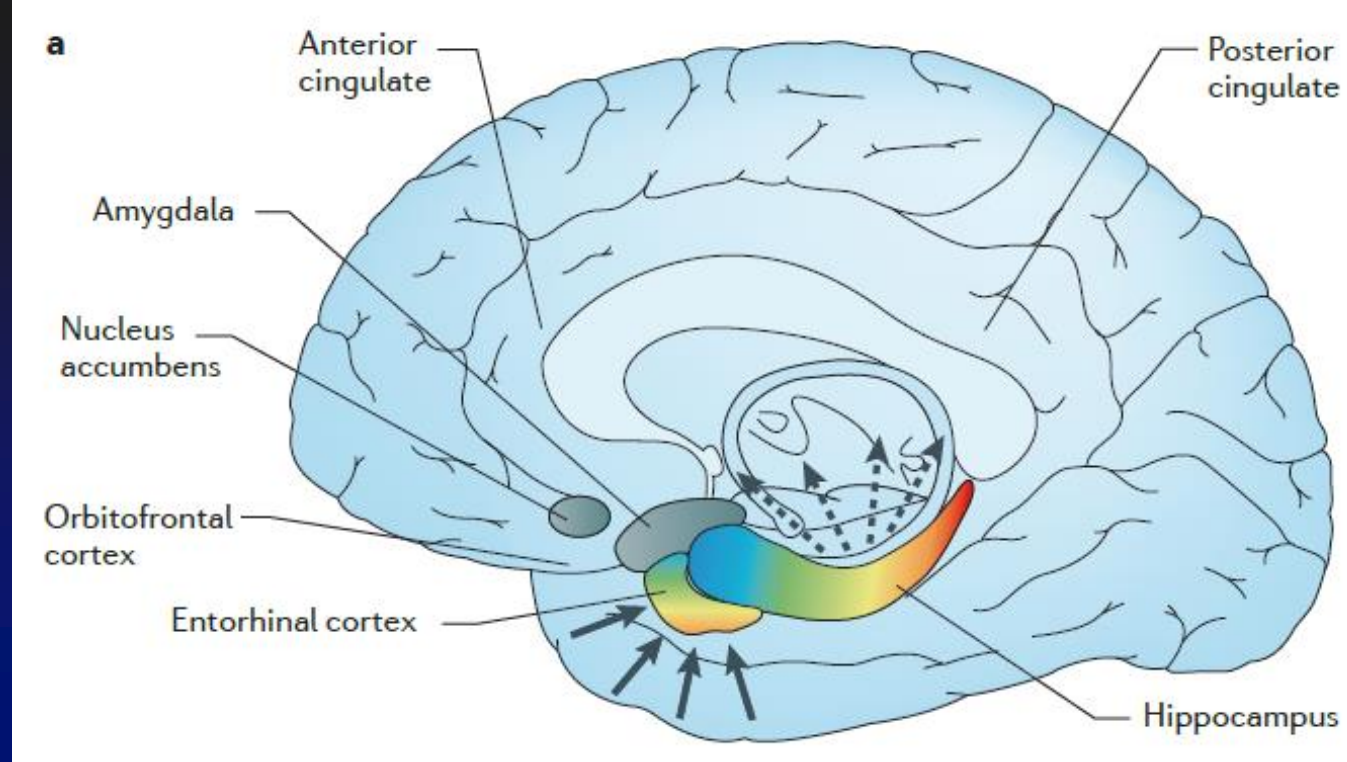


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of the major interconnections within the primate medial temporal lobe, incorporating the hippocampal subfields (DG, dentate gyrus) and the subiculum (SUB). The targets of the projections from lamina II and III of the entorhinal cortex to the hippocampus are also indicated. The thickness of the arrows reflects the strength of the various connections.

In addition to its subdivisions in terms of **subfields**, the hippocampus is also subdivided according to its **antero-posterior axis** (Fanselow and Dong, 2010; Small et al., 2011). These segregations are paralleled by a **variation of both anatomical** (Aggleton, 2011) and **functional** (assessed with functional fMRI; Kahn et al., 2008; Poppenk and Moscovitch, 2011; Sorg et al., 2009) **hippocampal connectivity along this antero-posterior axis and according to hippocampal subfields.**



The colour gradients reflect the topological input– output relations between the hippocampal formation and other brain areas, as well as its internal functional and molecular organization. Input to the hippocampus is shown by solid arrows, hippocampal outflow is shown by dashed arrows. Cortical and subcortical information funnels onto **superficial layers of the entorhinal cortex**, and **this input is organized in an anterior–medial to posterior– lateral gradient** (shown by the colour gradient in the entorhinal cortex). This anatomical **gradient is largely preserved** as the entorhinal cortex conveys this information to the **hippocampus** (shown by the corresponding colour code in the hippocampus). The long-axis gradient is preserved in the output pattern of the hippocampus. As well as reconnecting with the entorhinal cortex, the hippocampus monosynaptically connects with — **from anterior to posterior — the orbitofrontal cortex, anterior cingulate, amygdala, nucleus accumbens and posterior**

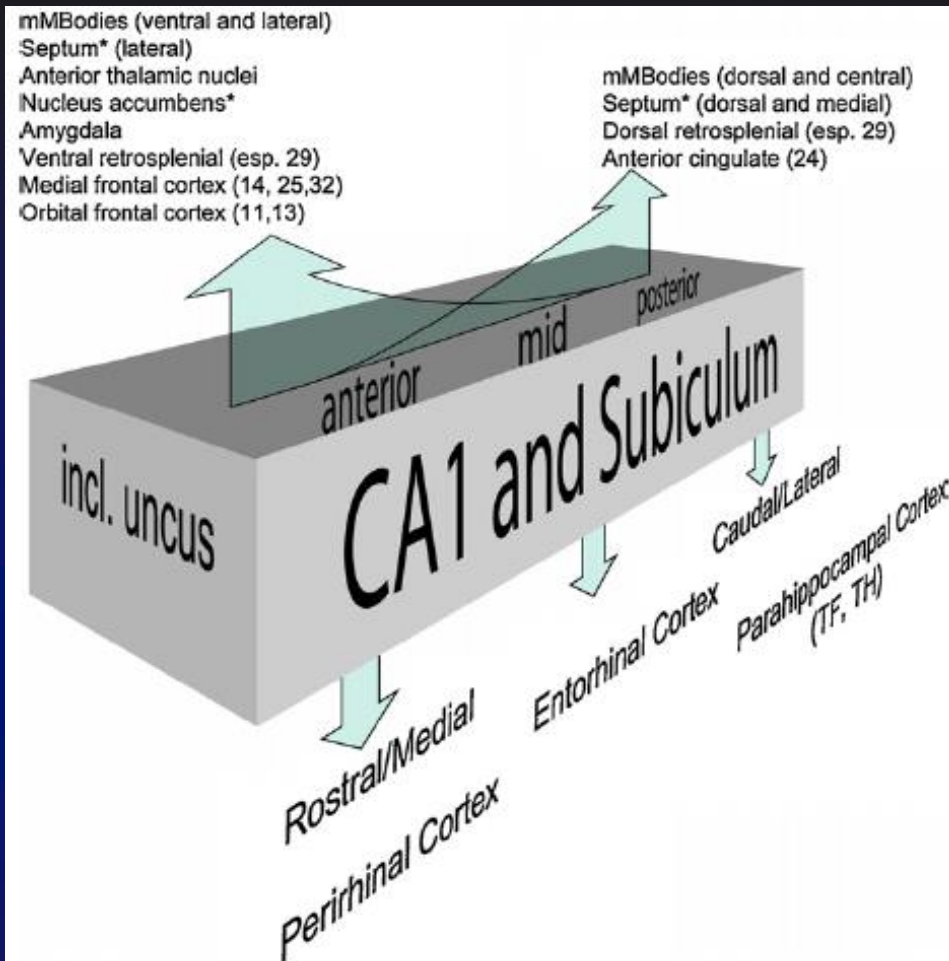
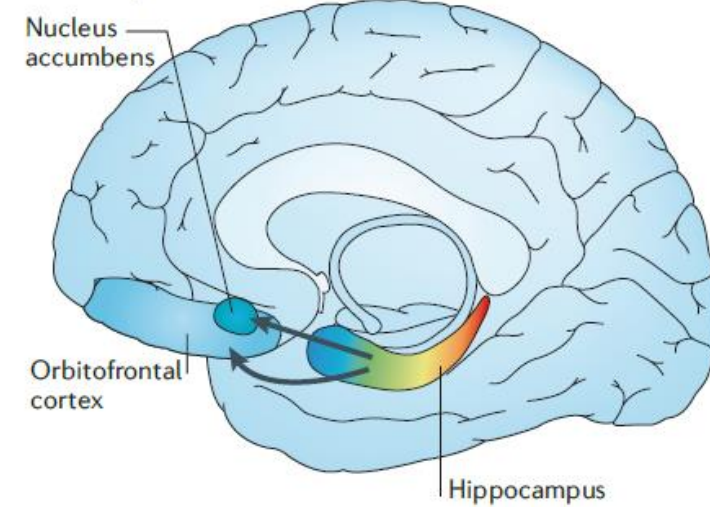


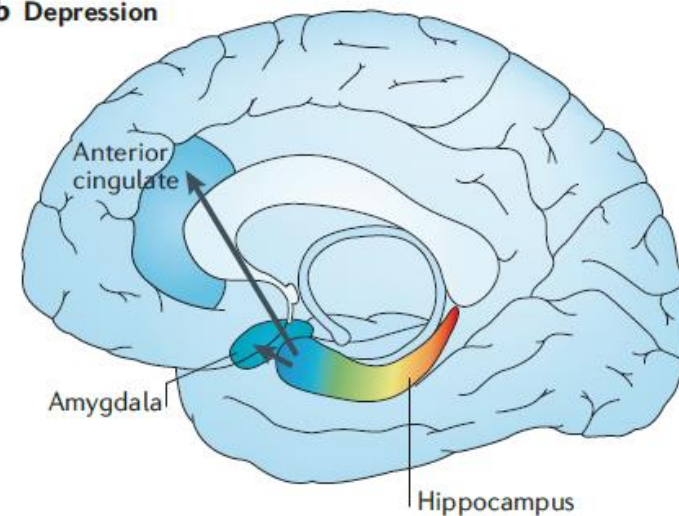
Fig. 2. Schematic diagram showing those hippocampal efferents that arise predominantly from the anterior, mid, or posterior hippocampus (CA1 field and subiculum). Projections to the parahippocampal region are depicted in the lower half of the figure. The numbers refer to area designations. *Abbreviation:* mMBodies, medial nucleus of the mammillary bodies. Asterisks indicate those outputs that also arise from CA3.

Aggleton, 2011

a Schizophrenia



b Depression



Small et al., 2011

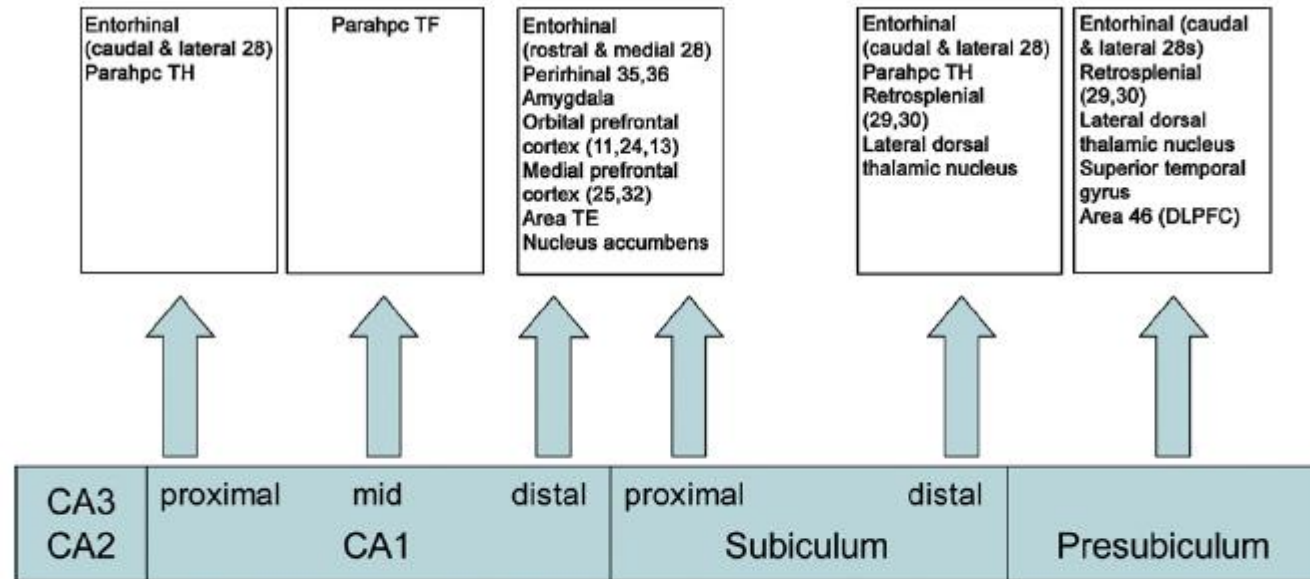


Fig. 4. Schematic diagram showing how different sets of hippocampal projections arise from distinct proximal and distal parts of the CA1 field and subiculum. Projections arising from the presubiculum are also indicated. Note how the efferents from the distal CA1 and proximal subiculum group together, as do many of those from the proximal CA1 and distal subiculum. *Abbreviations:* DLPFC, dorsolateral prefrontal cortex; Parahpc, parahippocampal cortex. The numbers correspond to cortical area designations.

Resting-state functional connectivity of hippocampal subfields

Image acquisition

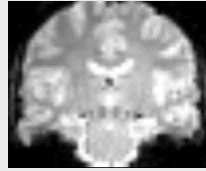
3T Philips MRI camera

Resting-state functional sequence

RT = 2382 ms ; ET = 30 ms ; Flip angle = 80°

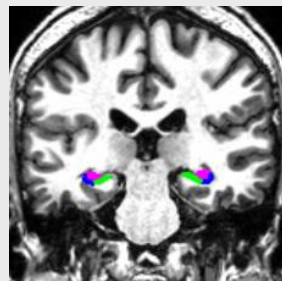
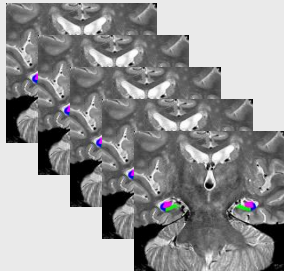
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280 volumes



Anatomical seeds

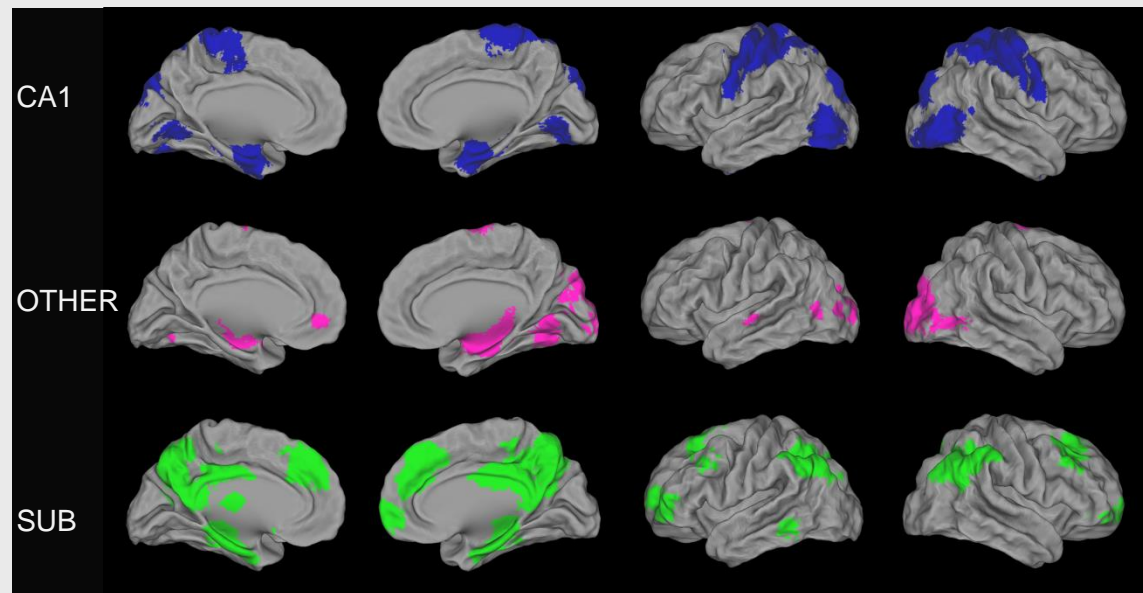
Manual delineations (50 HC)



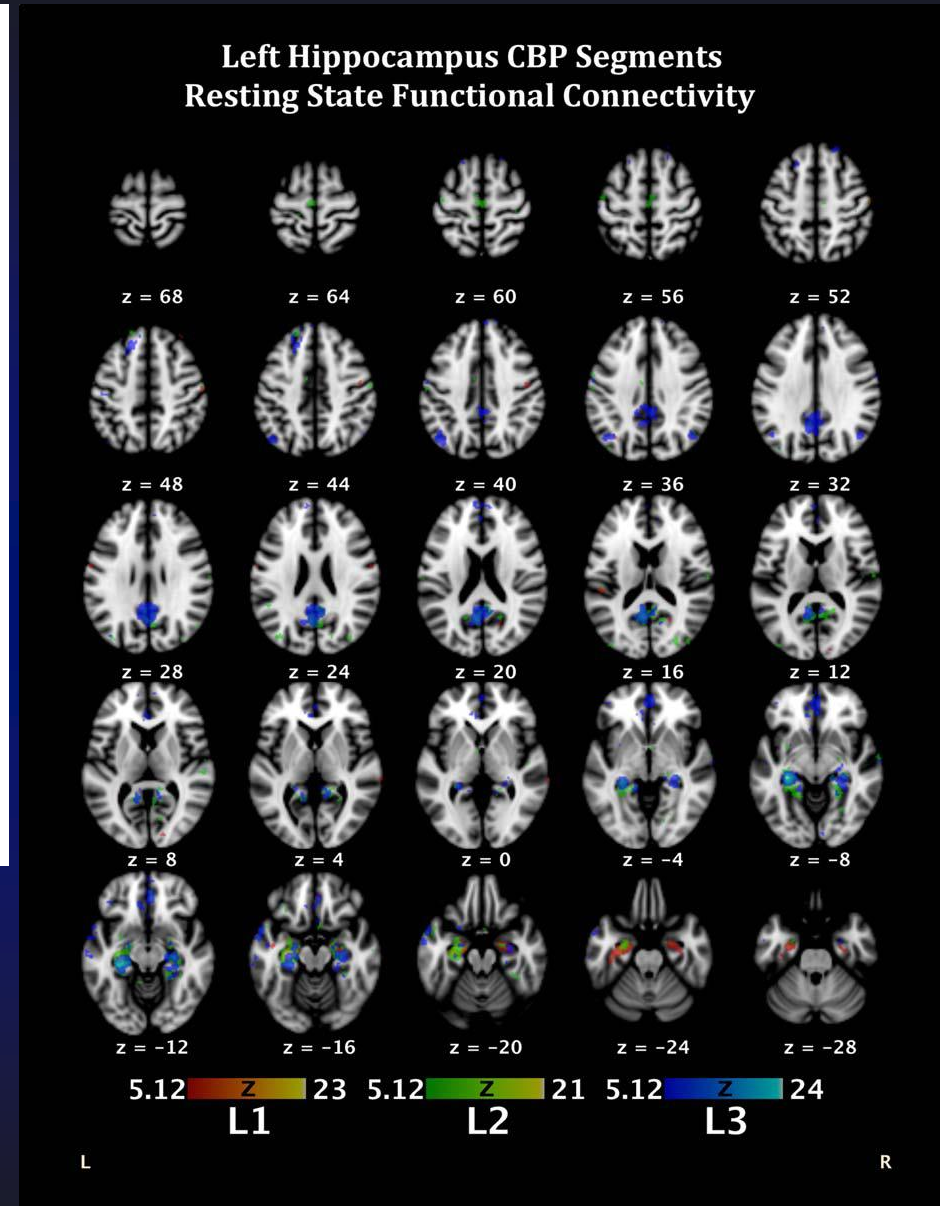
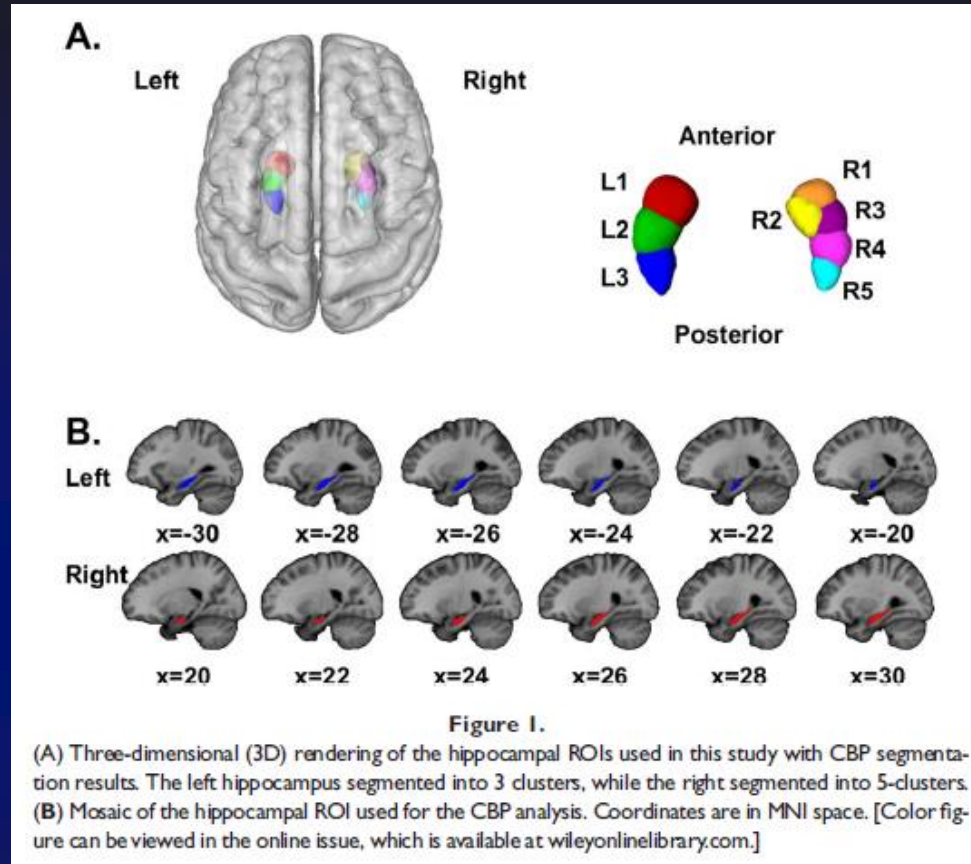
Warped (MNI space)
+ averaged

Connectivity maps

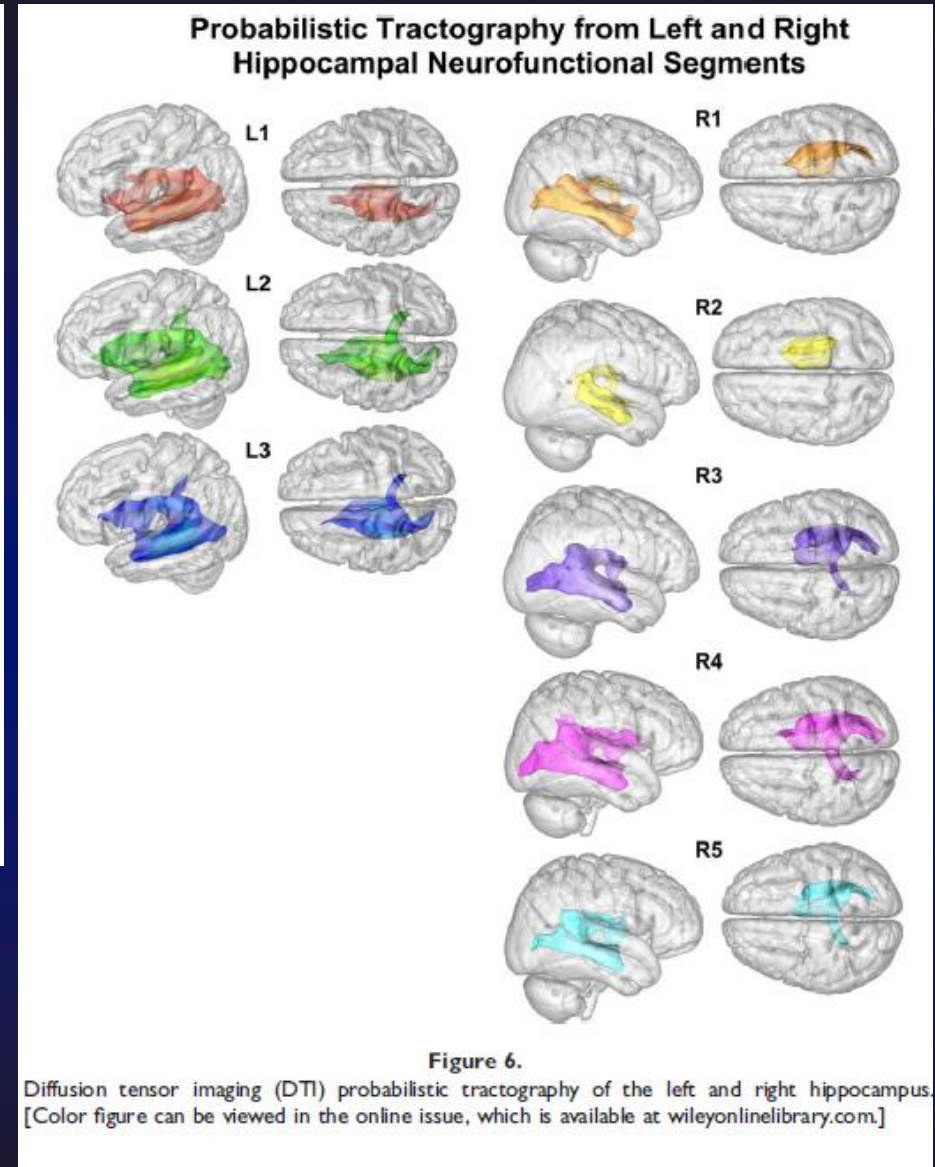
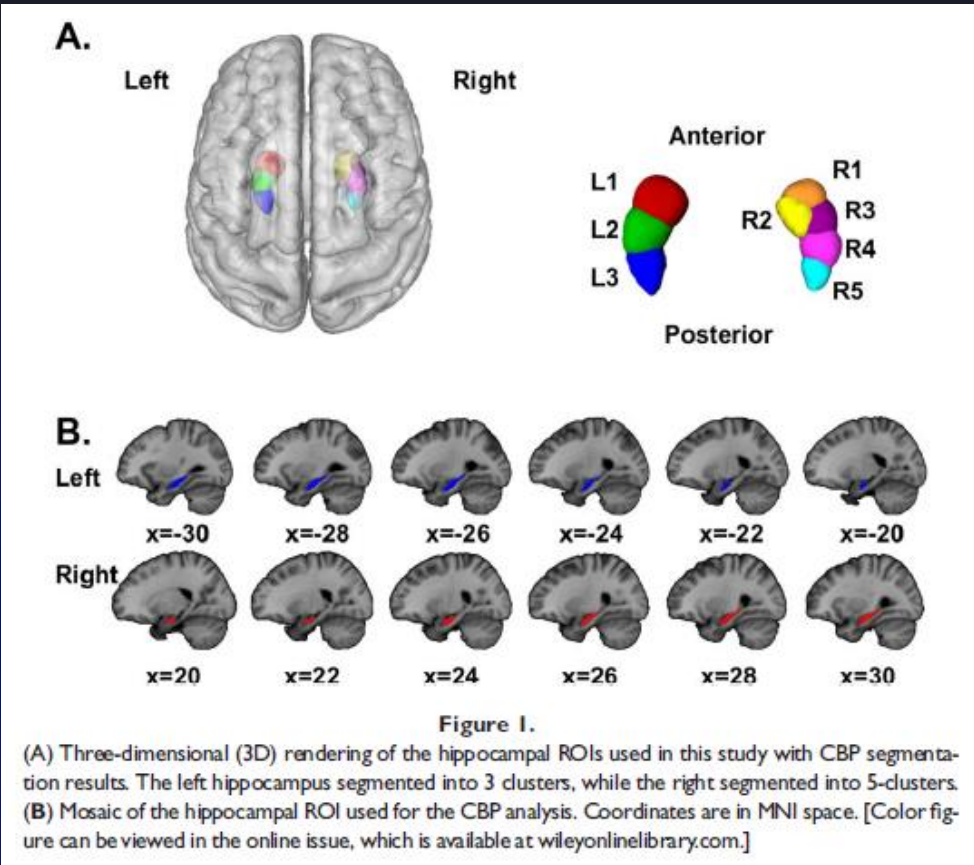
36 healthy controls (aged 68.5 ± 5.7), AV-45 negative



Neurofunctional Topography of the Human Hippocampus



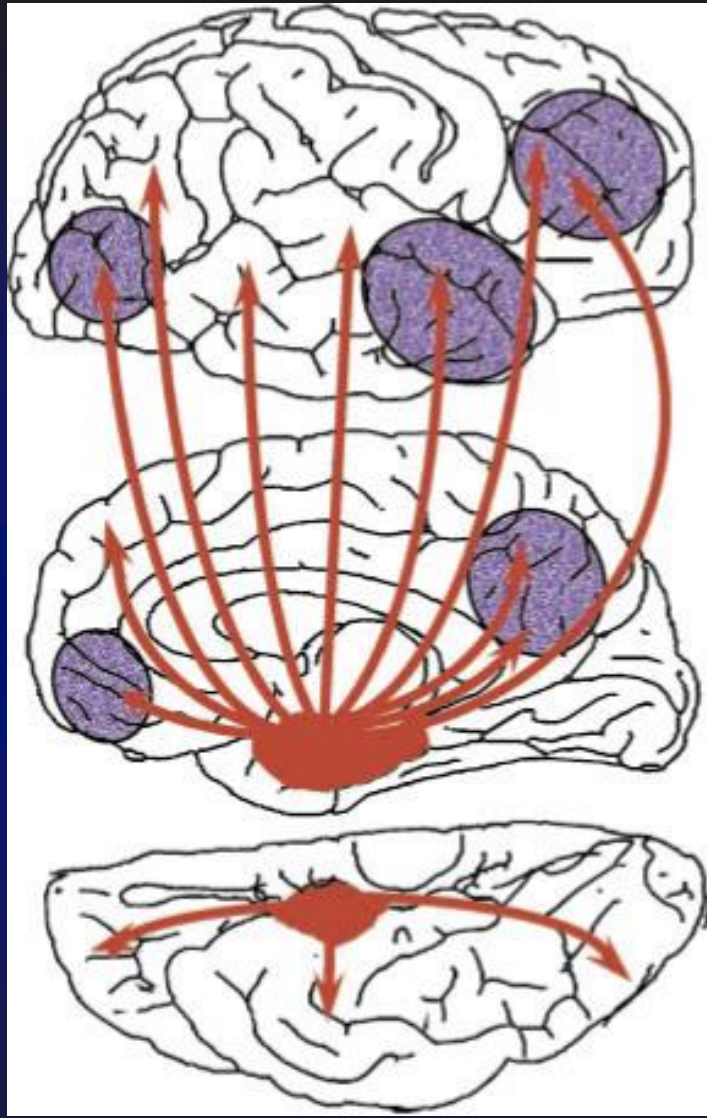
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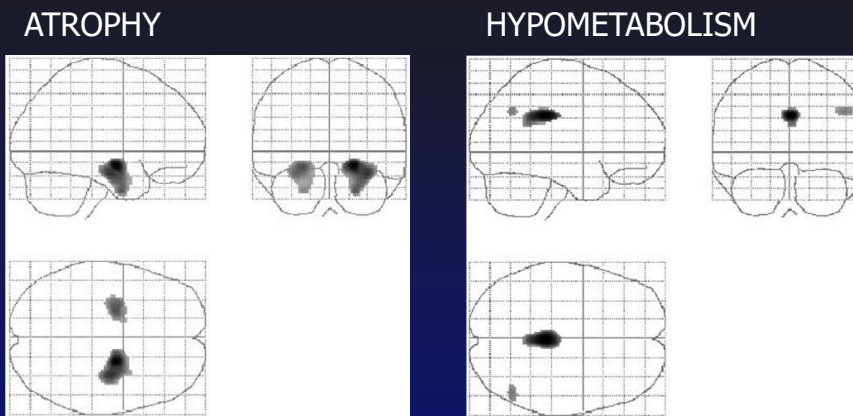
Within the hippocampus, neuronal loss and NFT preferentially concern projection neurons in the CA1 subfield and the subiculum (Arnold *et al.*, 1991; Braak *et al.*, 2006; Hyman *et al.*, 1984; Pearson *et al.*, 1985), i.e. neurons that send efferences to numerous cortical areas. These observations have led neuropathologists to propose the hypothesis that these lesions alter hippocampal connectivity, isolating this structure from the rest of the brain (Hyman *et al.*, 1984).



Smith, 2002

DISCORDANCES Hypometabolism ↔ Atrophy

AD (*Ishii et al., 2005*)

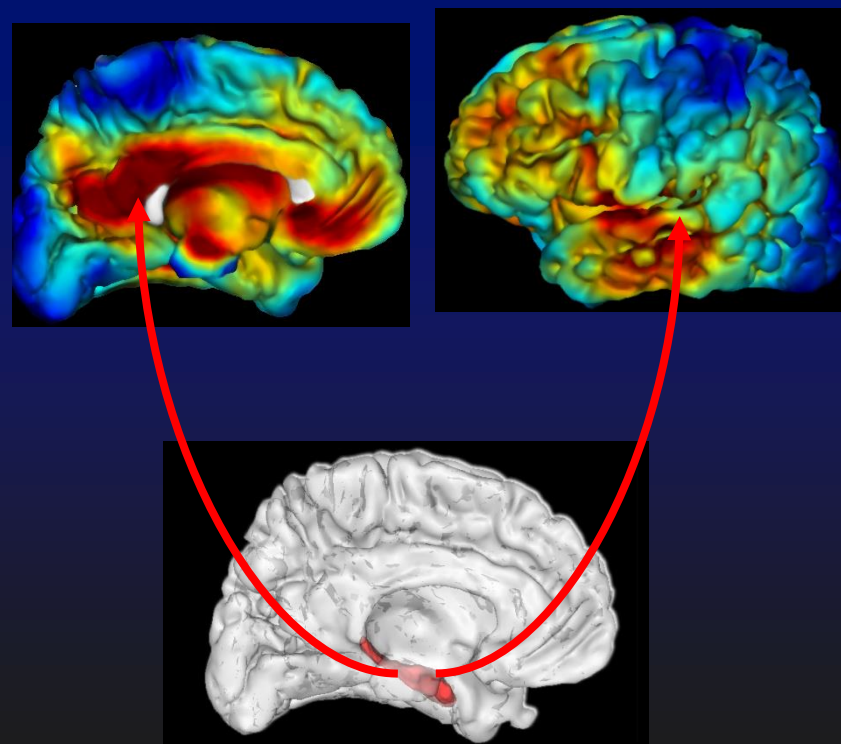


DISCONNECTION HYPOTHESIS

*Minoshima et al., 1997; Matsuda, 2001;
Chételat et al., 2003; Nestor et al., 2003*

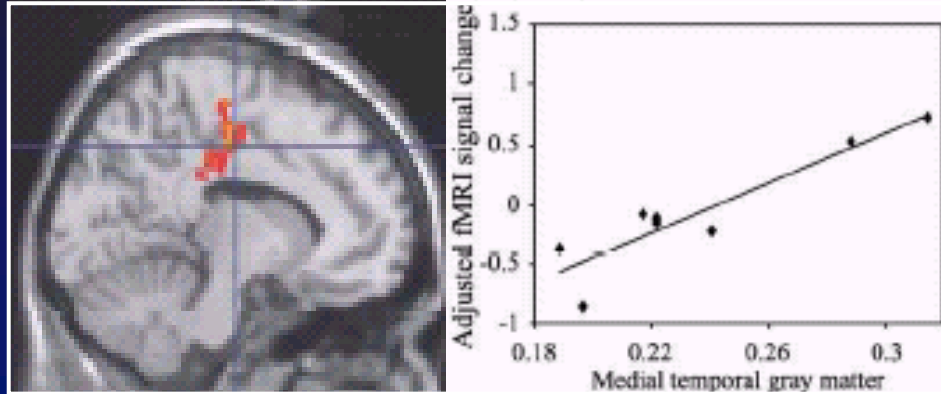
Posterior associative cortex
HYPOMETABOLISM

Hippocampal
ATROPHY



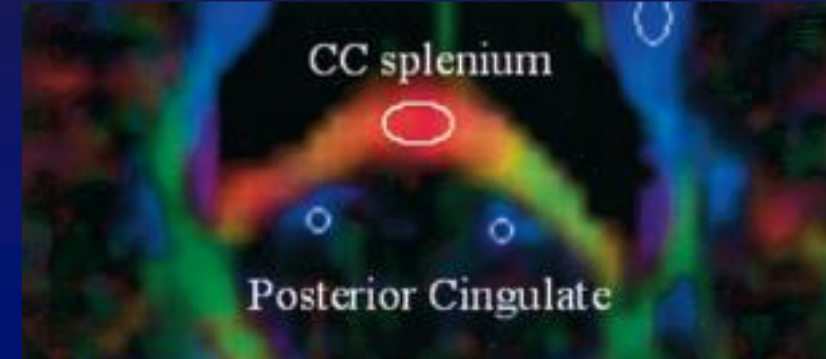
Correlation between hippocampus size and:

- PCC activity (fMRI/memory)



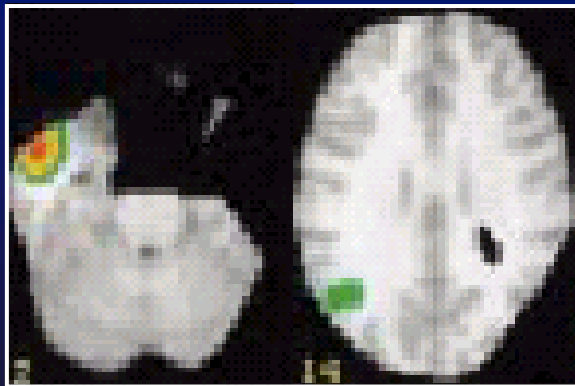
Rémy et al., NeuroImage, 2004

Alteration of cingulum (connect the hippocampus to the PCC)

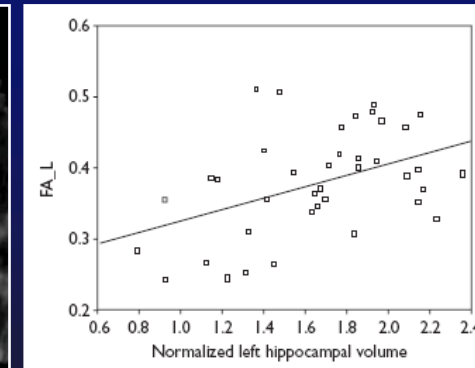
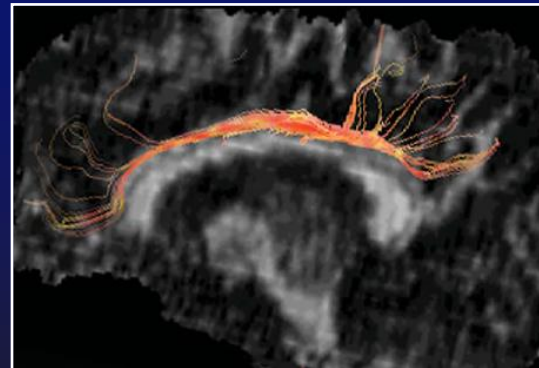


Zhang et al., Neurology, 2007

- Posterior associative cortex hypometabolism

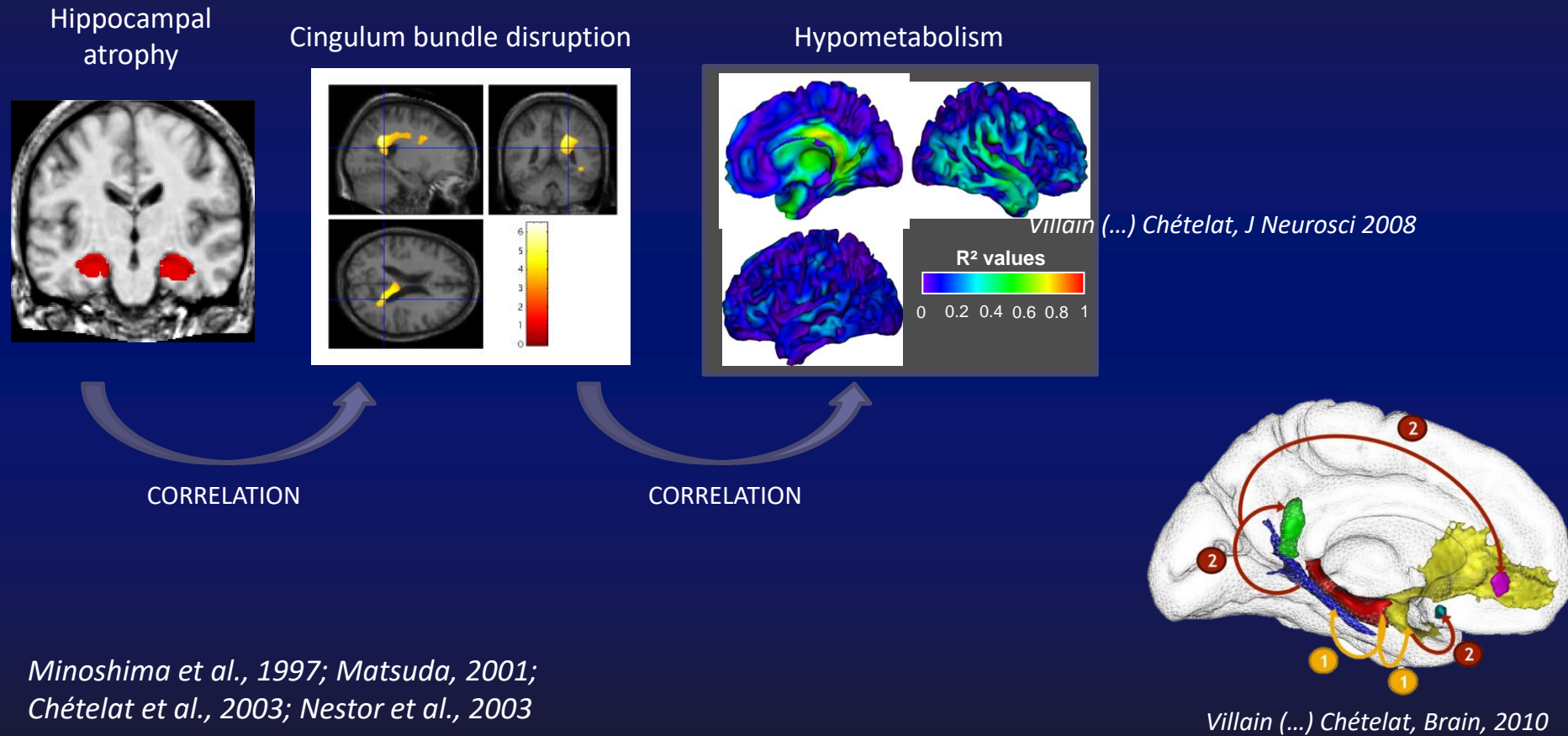


Meguro et al., JNNP, 2001

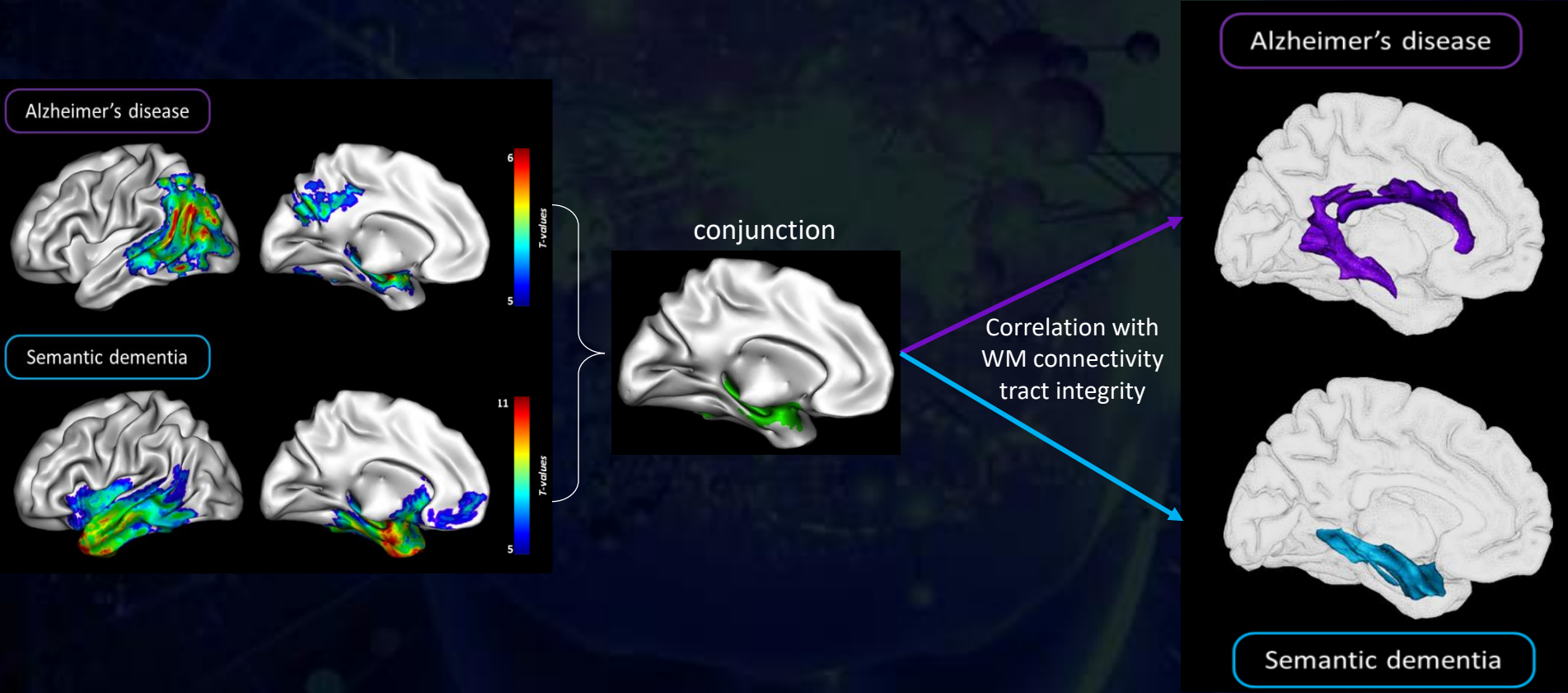


Xie et al., Neurology, 2005

DISCONNECTION / DIASCHISIS HYPOTHESIS: evidence for a link between 1) hippocampal atrophy 2) cingulum disruption and 3) posterior cingulate hypometabolism in Alzheimer's disease (AD)

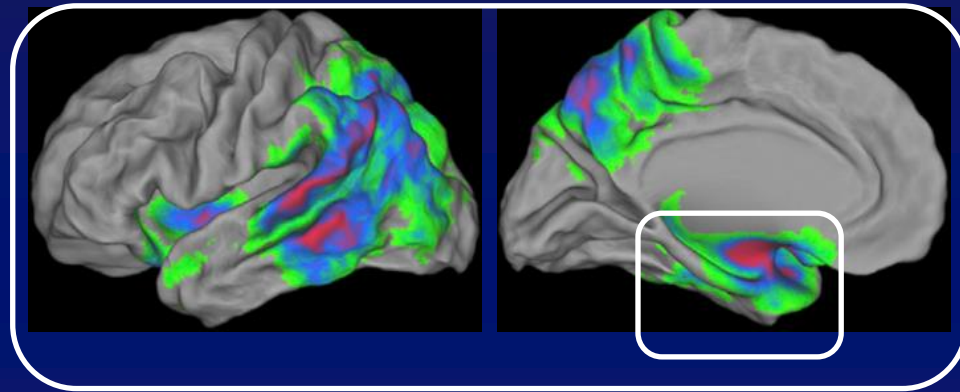


DISCONNECTION: comparison between AD and semantic dementia (SD)

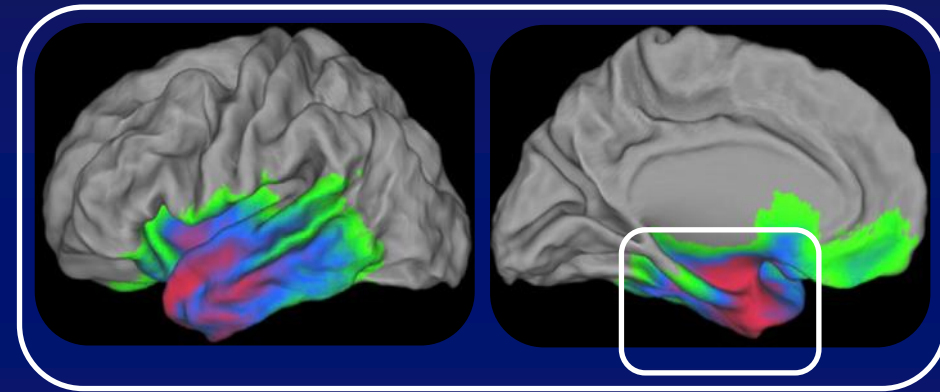


Alzheimer's versus semantic dementia: Two different clinical syndromes

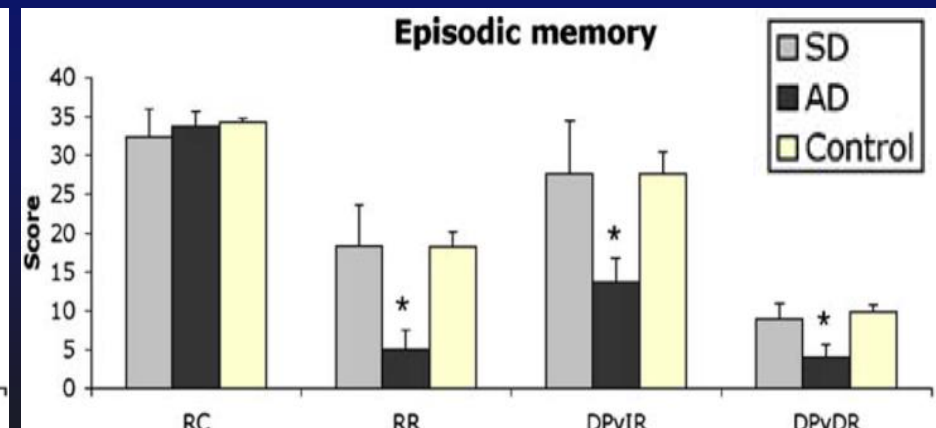
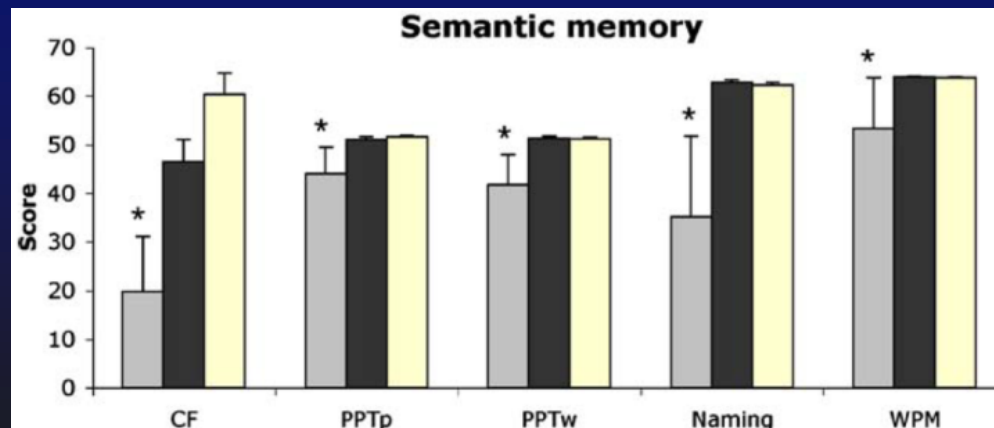
Alzheimer's Disease (AD)



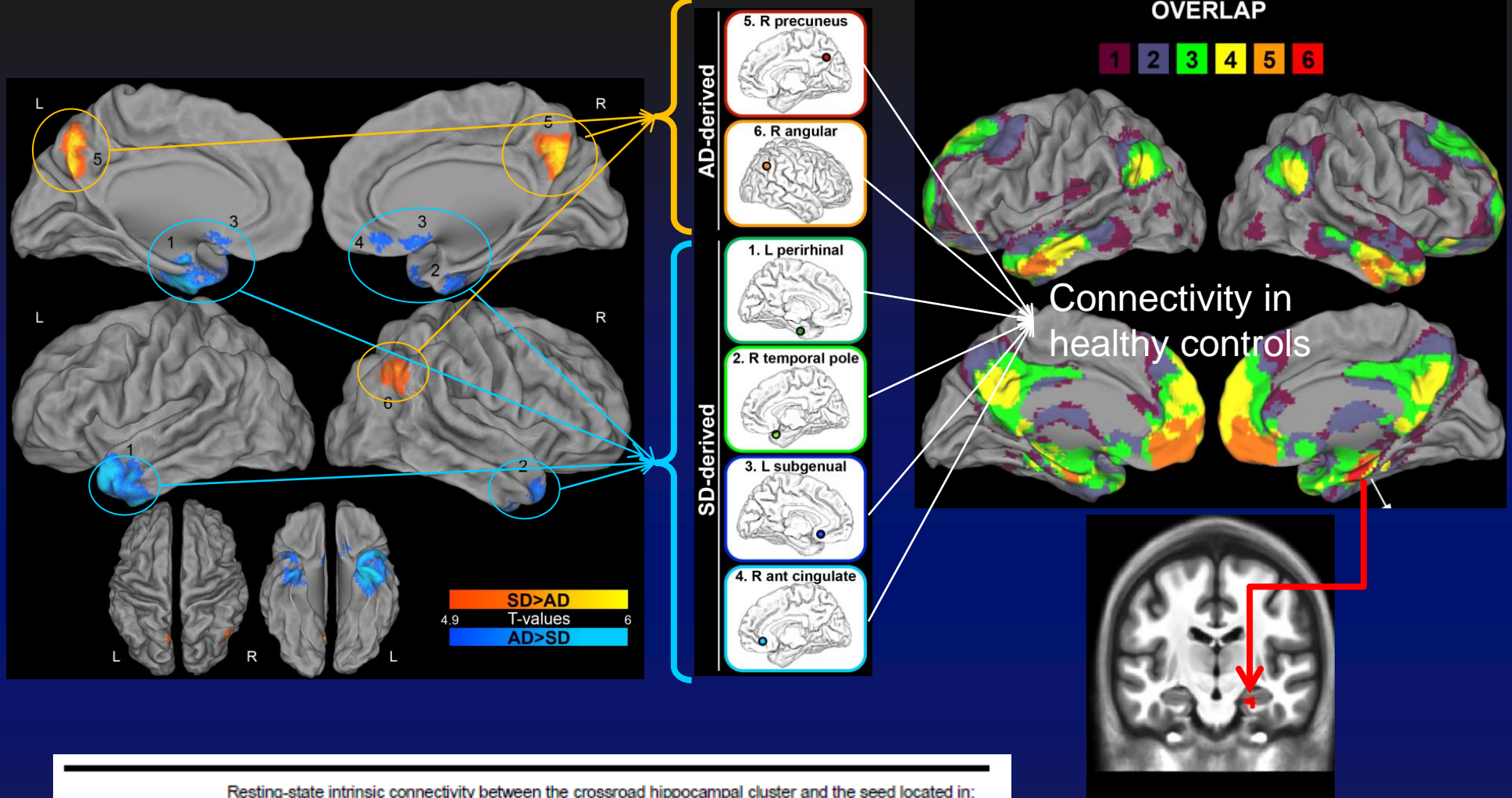
Semantic Dementia (SD)



La Joie et al., 2014



Nestor et al., 2006

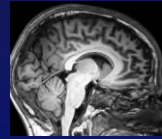


Resting-state intrinsic connectivity between the crossroad hippocampal cluster and the seed located in:

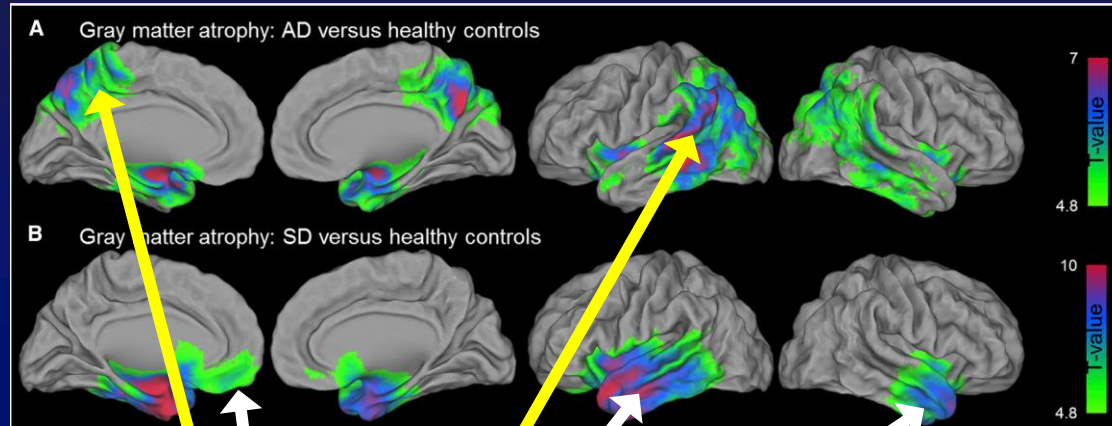
	L perirhinal	R temporal pole	L subgenual	R anterior cingulate	R precuneus	R angular
Episodic memory retrieval (n=56) ^a	r = -0.23 p = 0.08	r = 0.10 p = 0.46	r = -0.09 p = 0.53	r = 0.03 p = 0.84	r = 0.41 p = 0.002^b	r = 0.35 p = 0.009
Verbal knowledge (n=54) ^a	r = -0.05 p = 0.73	r = 0.01 p = 0.94	r = -0.18 p = 0.19	r = 0.04 p = 0.80	r = -0.05 p = 0.70	r = 0.05 p = 0.70
Executive functions (n=54) ^a	r = -0.08 p = 0.56	r = 0.14 p = 0.32	r = -0.00 p = 0.98	r = 0.03 p = 0.84	r = 0.23 p = 0.10	r = 0.10 p = 0.49
Processing speed (n=55) ^a	r = 0.19 p = 0.17	r = -0.23 p = 0.10	r = -0.06 p = 0.66	r = -0.18 p = 0.18	r = -0.11 p = 0.40	r = -0.05 p = 0.72

La Joie et al., *Neuron*, 2014

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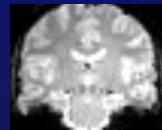


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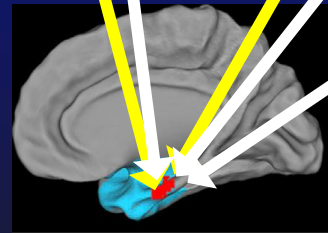


➔ **Paradox in semantic dementia:** Hippocampal atrophy (comparable to AD) but (relative) preservation of episodic memory

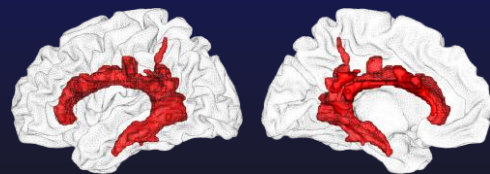
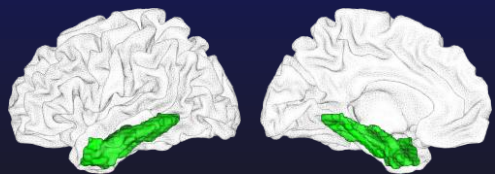
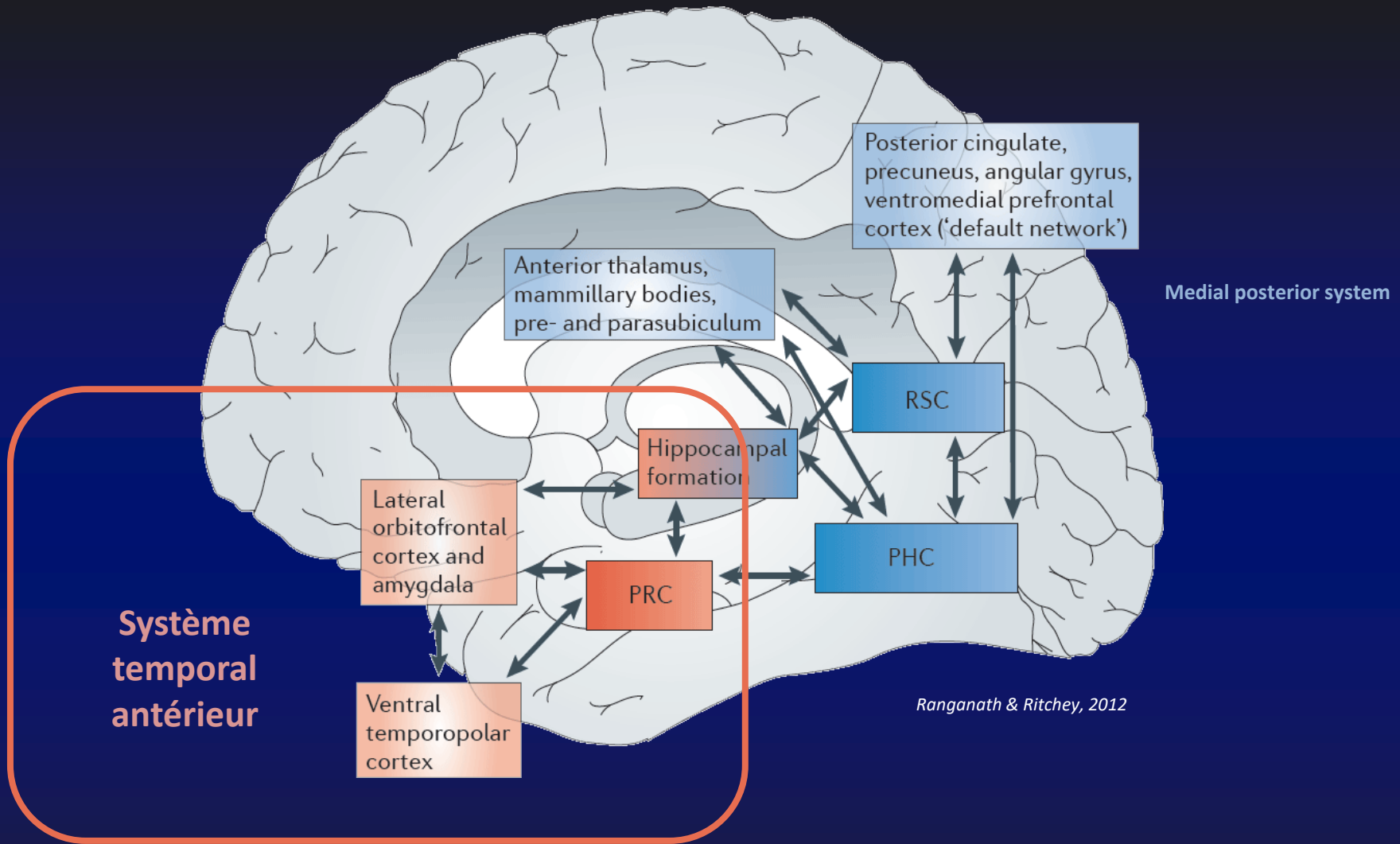
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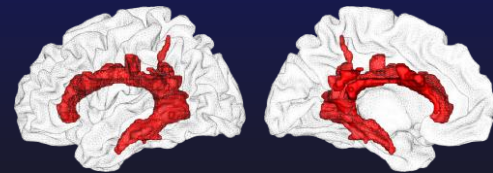
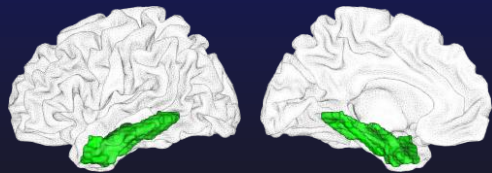
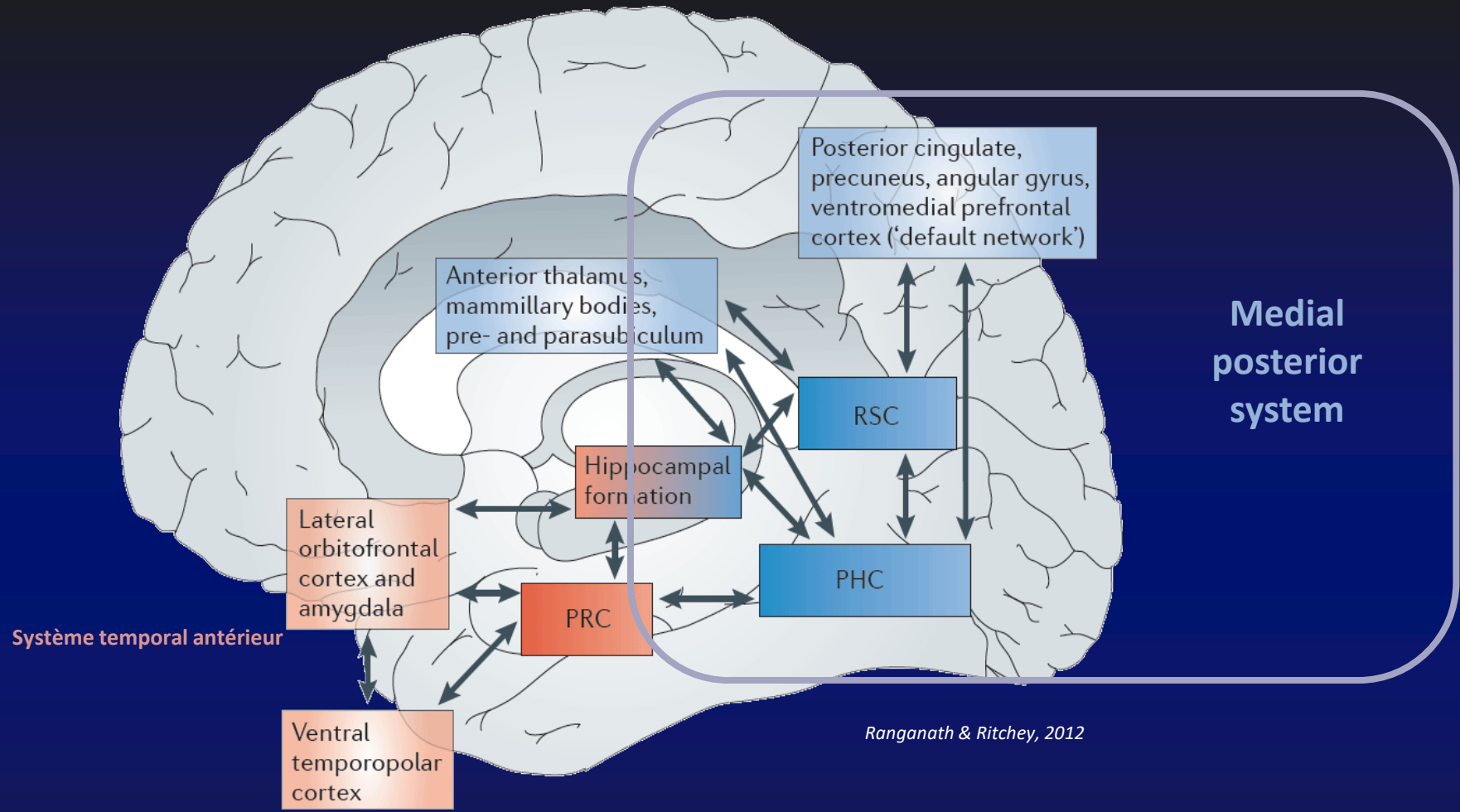


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T2*

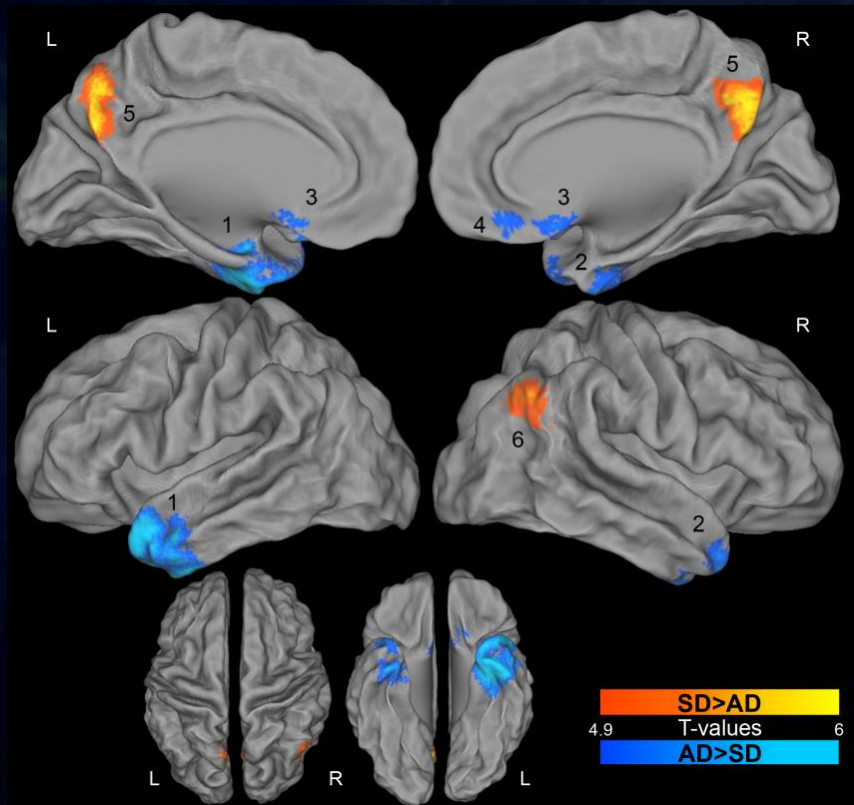


- ➔ Strongly involved in episodic memory
- ➔ NOT involved in episodic memory

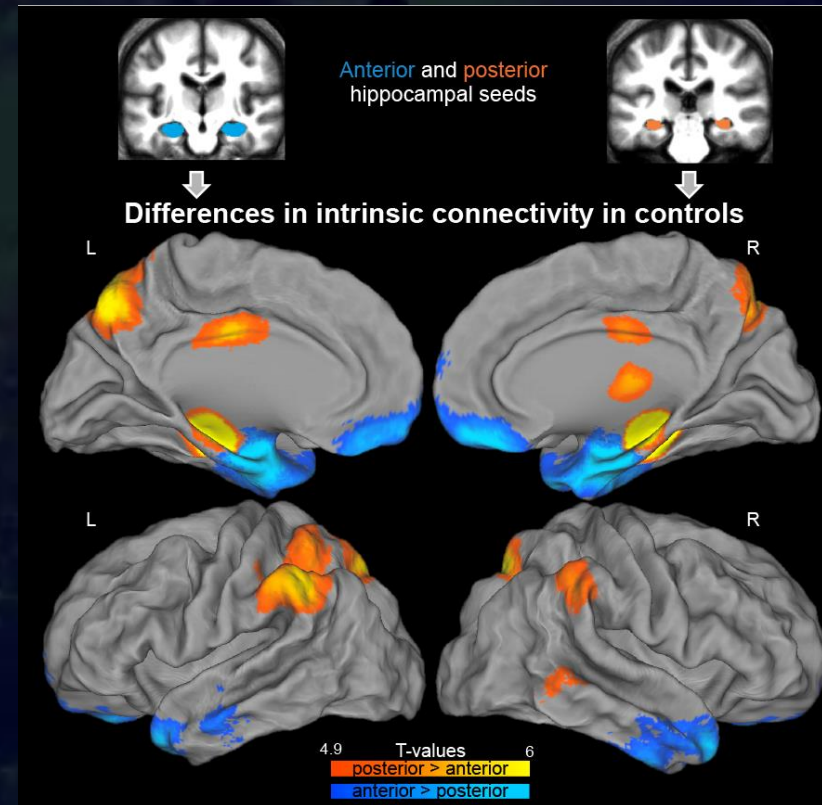




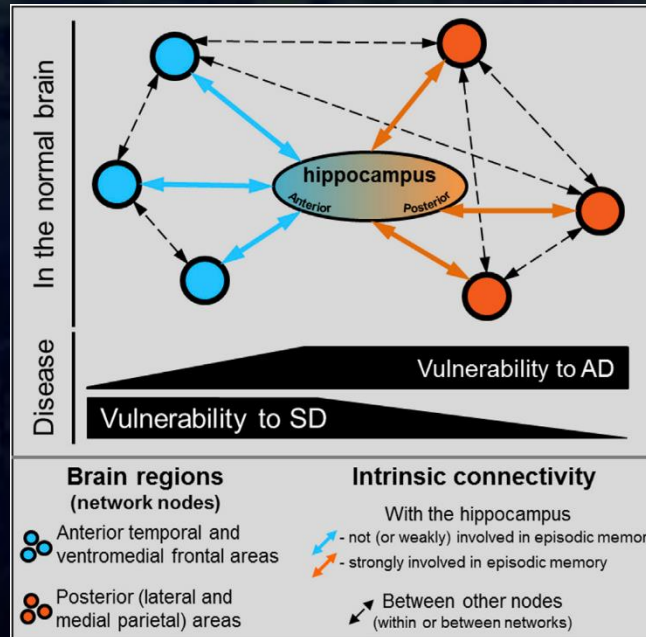
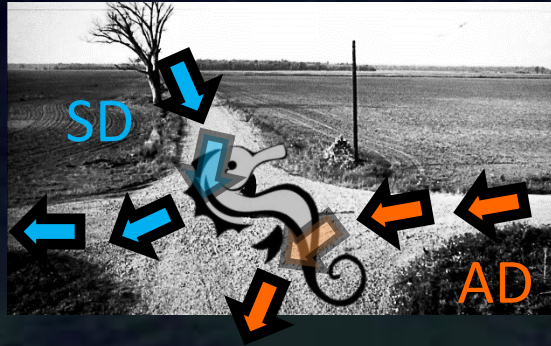
Brain regions specifically (more) altered in
AD versus in **SD**



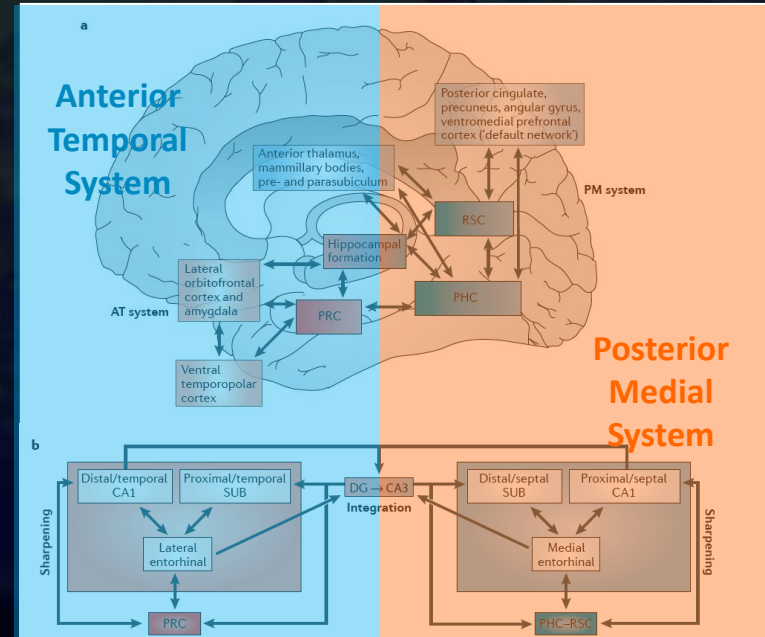
Brain regions specifically (more) connected to the
posterior versus the **anterior** Hippocampus



Crossroad of dementia

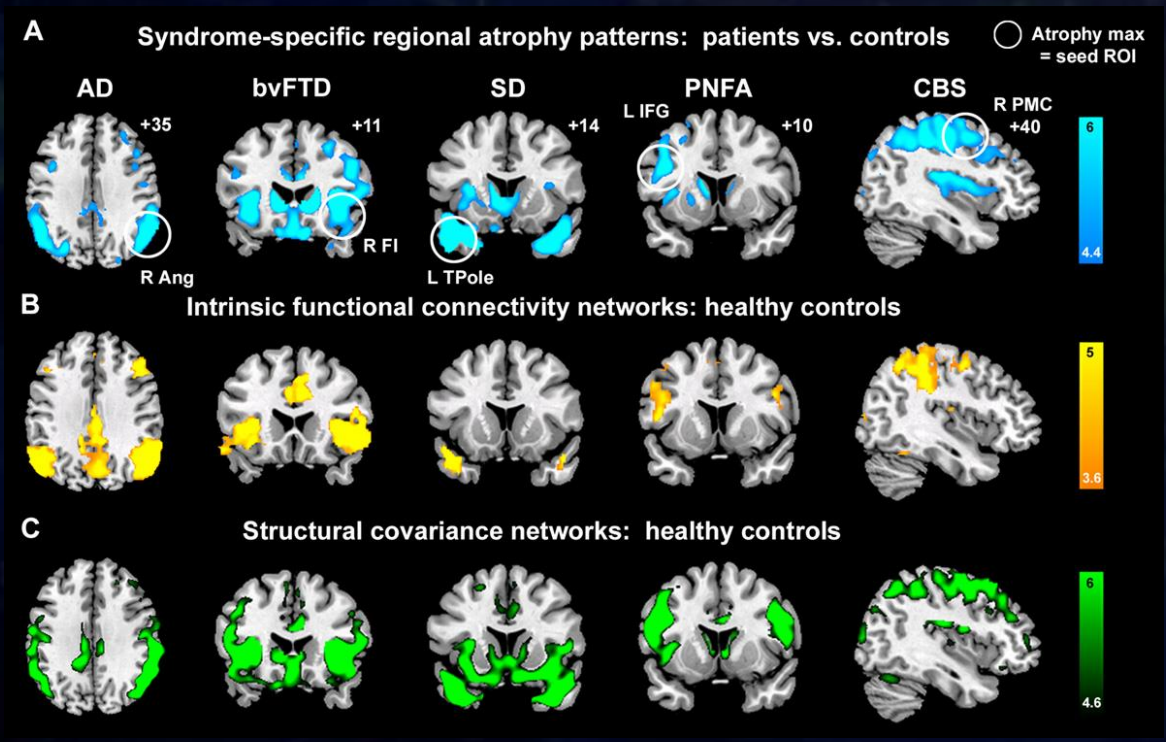


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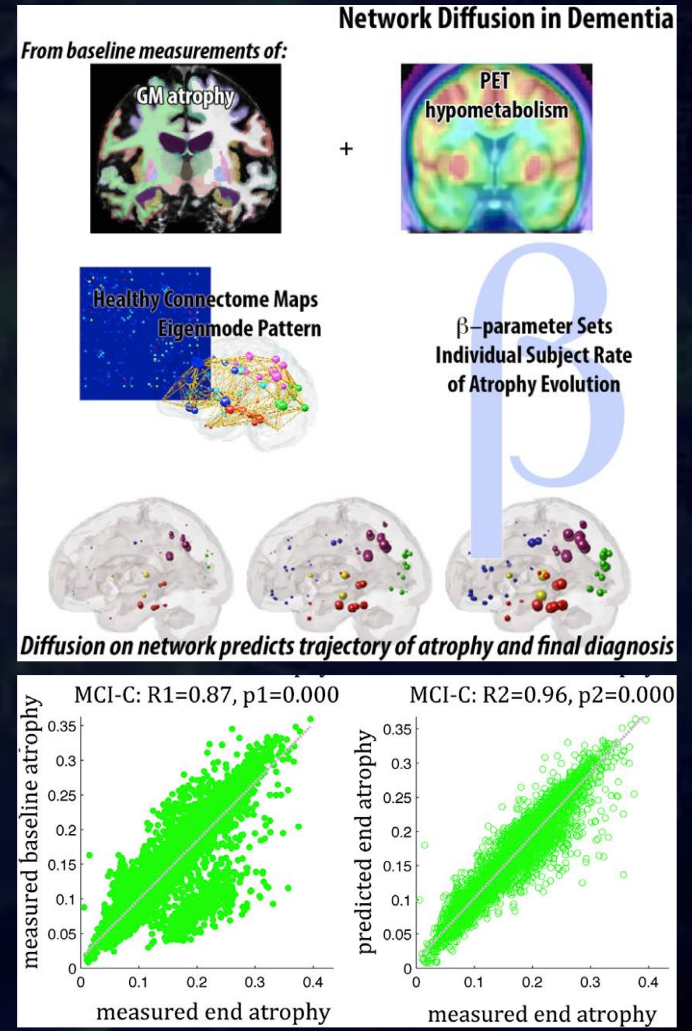


Ranganath & Ritchey, *Nat Rev Neurosci* 2012

The network degeneration hypothesis and network diffusion model



Seeley et al., *Neuron*, 2009



Raj et al., *Neuron*, 2012; *Cell Reports* 2014



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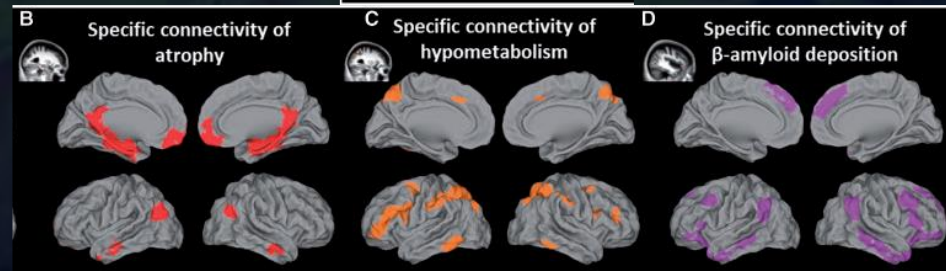
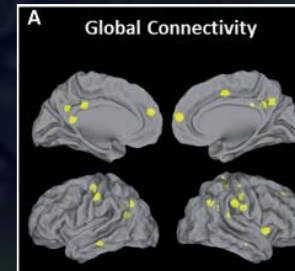
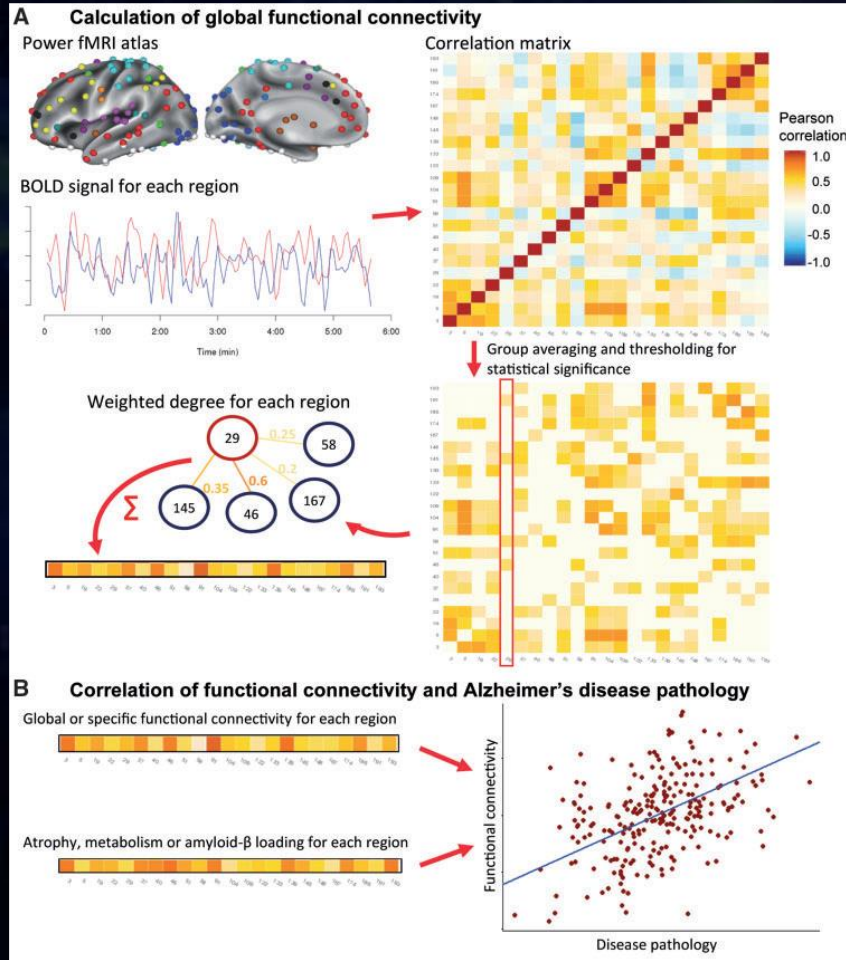
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"A network of lesions

If plaques and tangle-bearing neurons are connected, then the lesions involve a network that covers the cortex"

"We found that the hippocampal stage could already demonstrate a marked involvement in cases where the neocortex was still devoid of any β A4 deposits. This suggests that the hippocampal pathology precedes the neocortical lesions and strengthens the assumption that Alzheimer's disease starts in the limbic system. On the other hand, the entorhinal prominence of the lesions could be due to the convergence of the cortico-cortical pathways on the limbic systems. By following the anatomical paths, as here hypothesized, lesions would be concentrated in the limbic system."

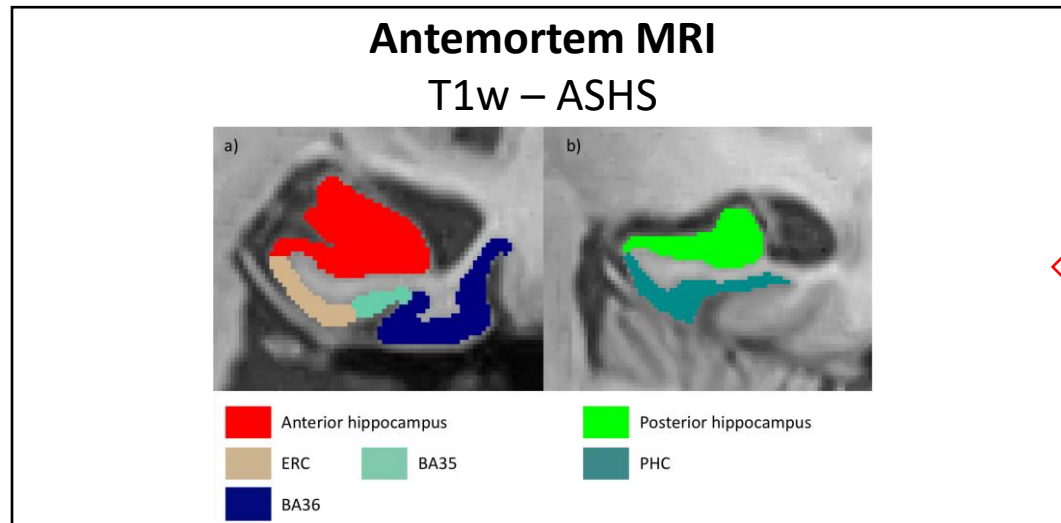
More than global connectivity strength, taupography actually depends on the epicenter specific connectivity



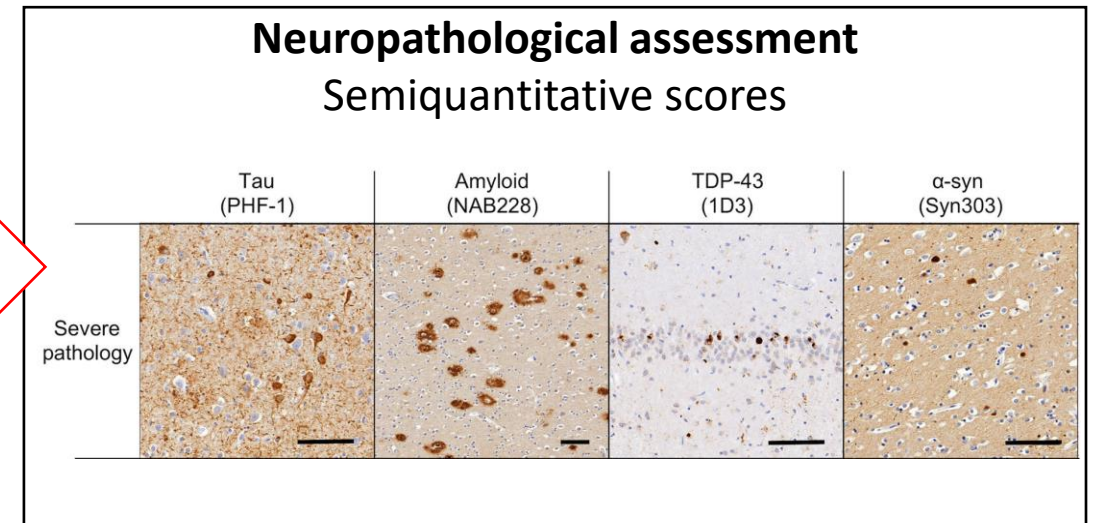
	Multiple regressions	
	Global connectivity	Specific connectivity
Baseline atrophy	$P = 0.006$ $b = 0.175$	$P = 0.003$ $b = 0.192$
Atrophy propagation	NS	$P < 0.0001$ $b = 0.255$
Baseline hypometabolism	$P = 0.0001$ $b = 0.245$	$P = 0.0014$ $b = 0.205$
Hypometabolism propagation	$P = 0.0003$ $b = 0.236$	NS
Baseline amyloid- β deposition	$P = 0.0028$ $b = 0.175$	$P < 0.0001$ $b = 0.413$
Amyloid- β propagation	NS	NS

Contribution of mixed pathology to medial temporal lobe atrophy in Alzheimer's disease

- 92 patients with AD pathology at autopsy



Correlation



	Anterior hippocampus (n=89)	Posterior hippocampus (n=89)	ERC (n=76)	BA35 (n=79)	BA36 (n=79)	PHC (n=83)
<i>One model / proteinopathy</i>						
NFT	$\rho = -0.11$ $p = 0.14$	$\rho = -0.24$ $p = 0.01$	$\rho = -4.20e-03$ $p = 0.49$	$\rho = -0.15$ $p = 0.09$	$\rho = -0.02$ $p = 0.45$	$\rho = -0.06$ $p = 0.29$
β-amyloid	$\rho = -0.09$ $p = 0.22$	$\rho = -0.10$ $p = 0.19$	$\rho = 0.06$ $p = 0.31$	$\rho = -1.20e-03$ $p = 0.50$	$\rho = 0.02$ $p = 0.44$	$\rho = -0.11$ $p = 0.18$
TDP-43	$\rho = -0.46$ $p = 4.17e-06$	$\rho = -0.21$ $p = 0.03$	$\rho = -0.24$ $p = 0.02$	$\rho = 0.03$ $p = 0.40$	$\rho = 0.12$ $p = 0.15$	$\rho = 0.01$ $p = 0.46$
α-synuclein	$\rho = -0.04$ $p = 0.34$	$\rho = 0.08$ $p = 0.23$	$\rho = -0.05$ $p = 0.35$	$\rho = 0.02$ $p = 0.43$	$\rho = -0.15$ $p = 0.09$	$\rho = -0.06$ $p = 0.31$

Relevance of the cellular specificity

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Regional topography is not enough to explain the specificity of the clinical signs and propagation of the disease (i.e. preservation of sensori-motor networks and functions)

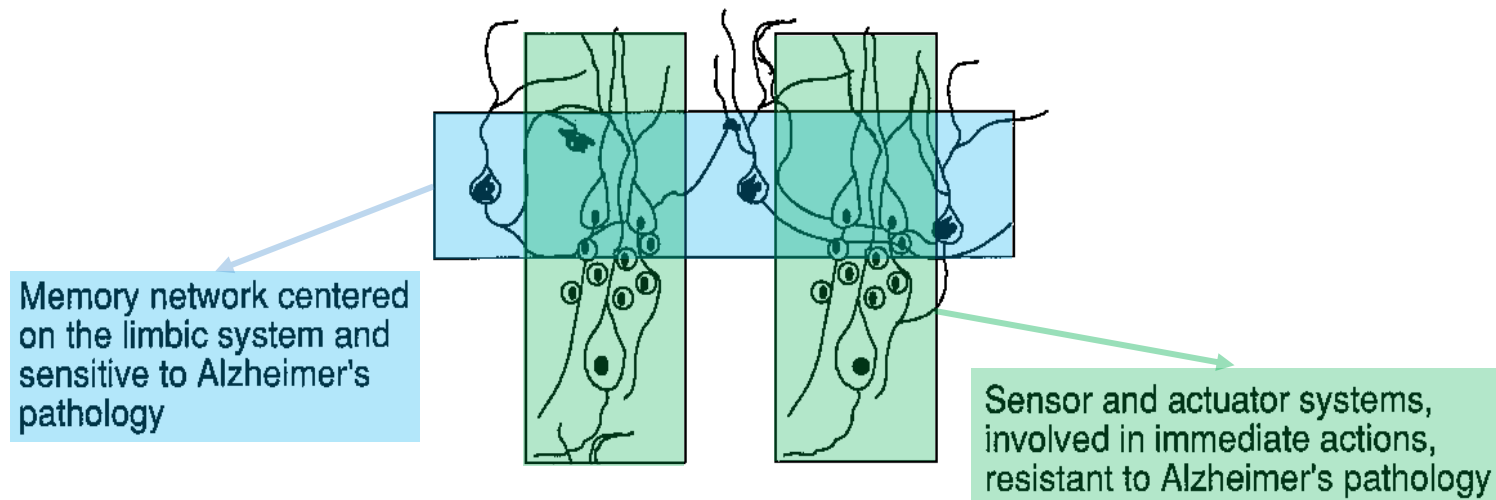
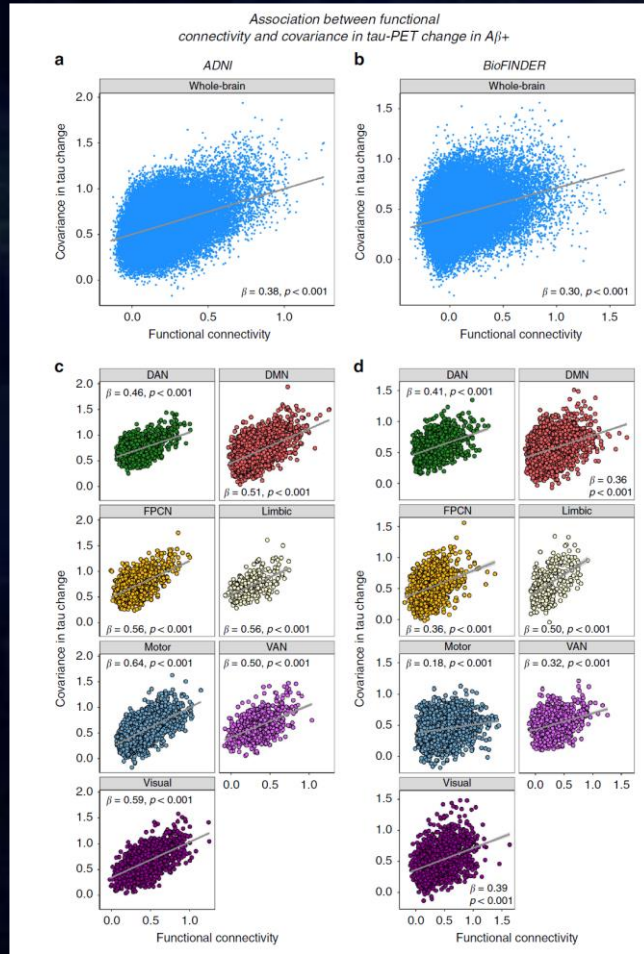


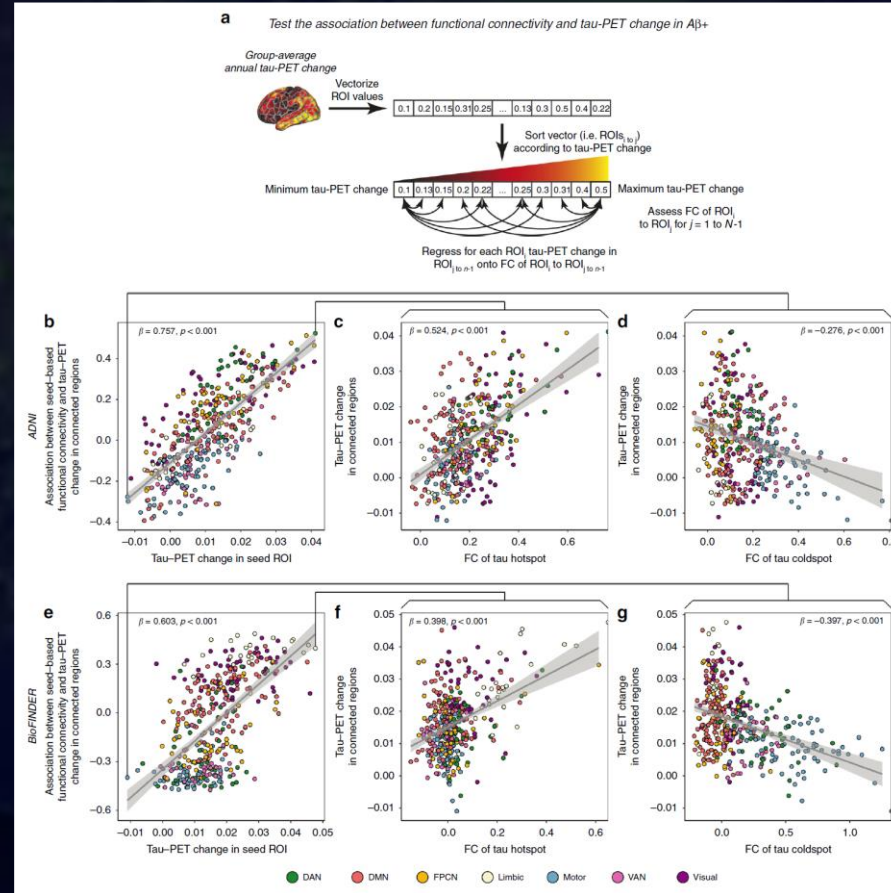
Fig. 6 a–c. Dissection of brain functions by Alzheimer's pathology.

Longitudinal tau (links with Bsl fMRI connectivity)

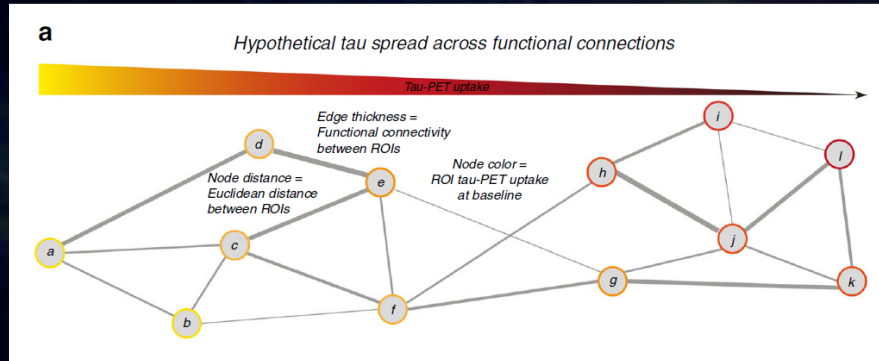
Functionally connected regions show covariation in tau change



Higher connectivity with tau hotspot (fast tau accumulation) is associated with faster tau accumulation in connected regions. In contrast, higher connectivity with tau coldspot is associated with slower tau accumulation in connected regions.



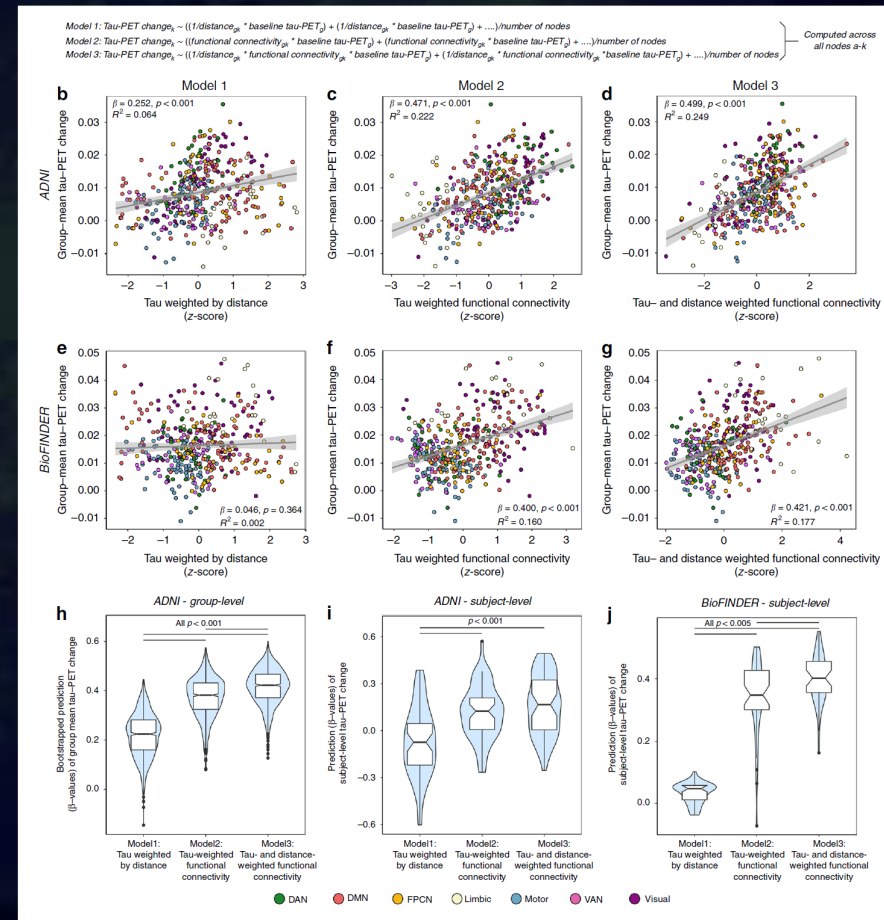
Longitudinal tau (links with Bsl fMRI connectivity)



Future tau accumulation in AD could be modeled by a combination of **baseline tau levels, functional connectivity, and distance between brain regions.**

Tau spreading is assumed to be an **active process along connected brain regions rather than passive diffusion**

Tau **spreads throughout brain networks**, where functionally **strong and spatially short** connections increase the likelihood of tau seeding and spread.

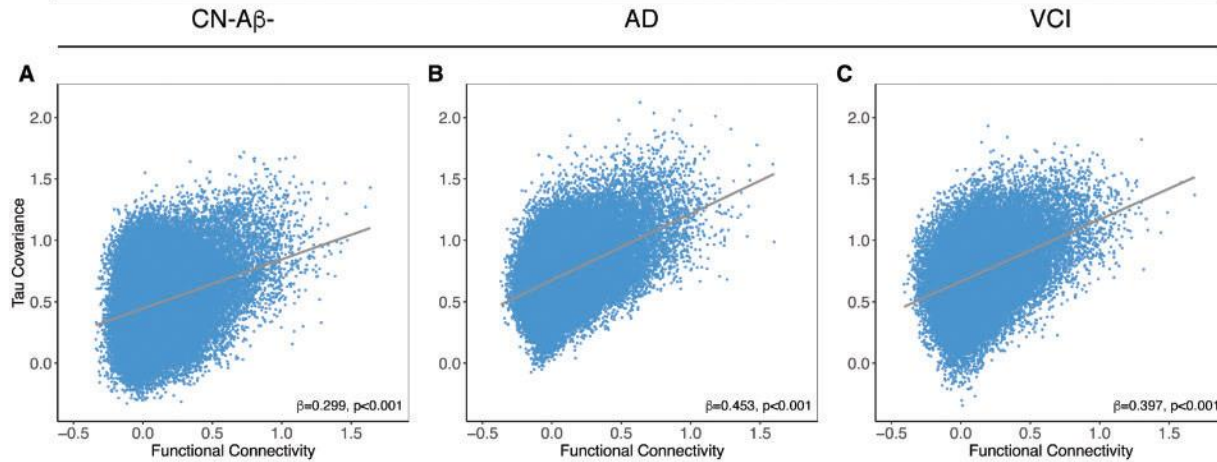


Role of Ab in Tau propagation?

A dark-field microscopic image of neurons, likely from a mouse model of Alzheimer's disease. The neurons are stained to show tau pathology, appearing as bright, thread-like structures (neurofibrillary tangles) within the cell bodies and extending into the processes. The background is dark, highlighting the intricate network of tau-positive structures.

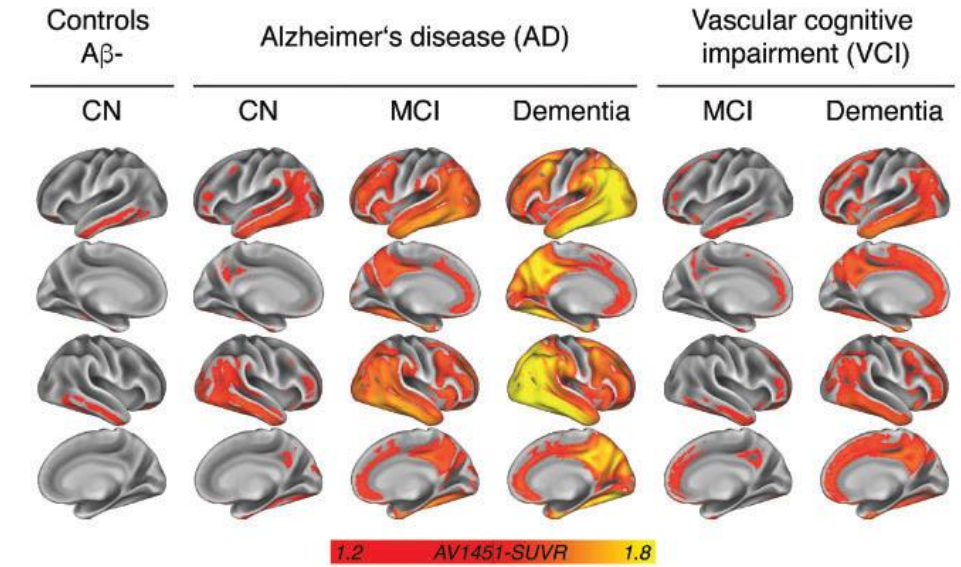
This spreading process / network specificity is not dependent on the presence of A β

Functional connectivity associated with tau covariance

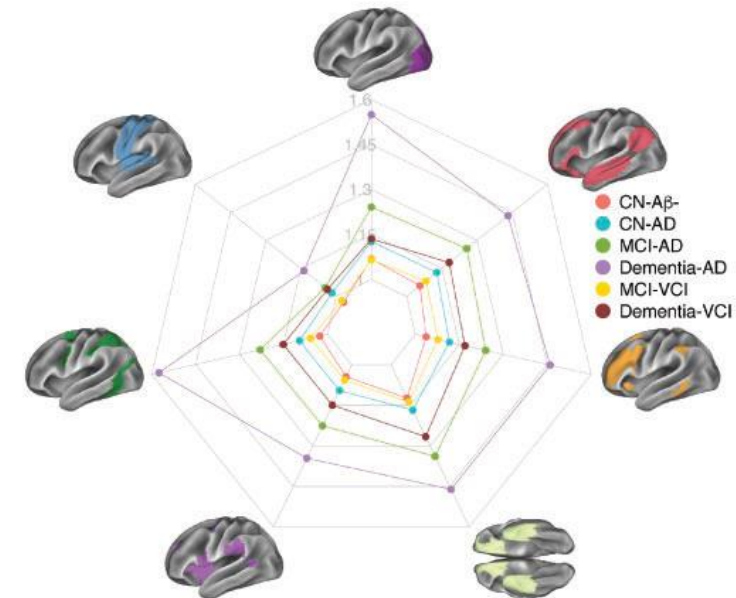


These associations between functional connectivity and tau-PET uptake were detected **regardless of presence of dementia symptoms** (mild cognitive impairment or dementia), **amyloid deposition** (as assessed by amyloid-PET) or **small vessel disease**.

A Group-mean abnormal tau-PET uptake

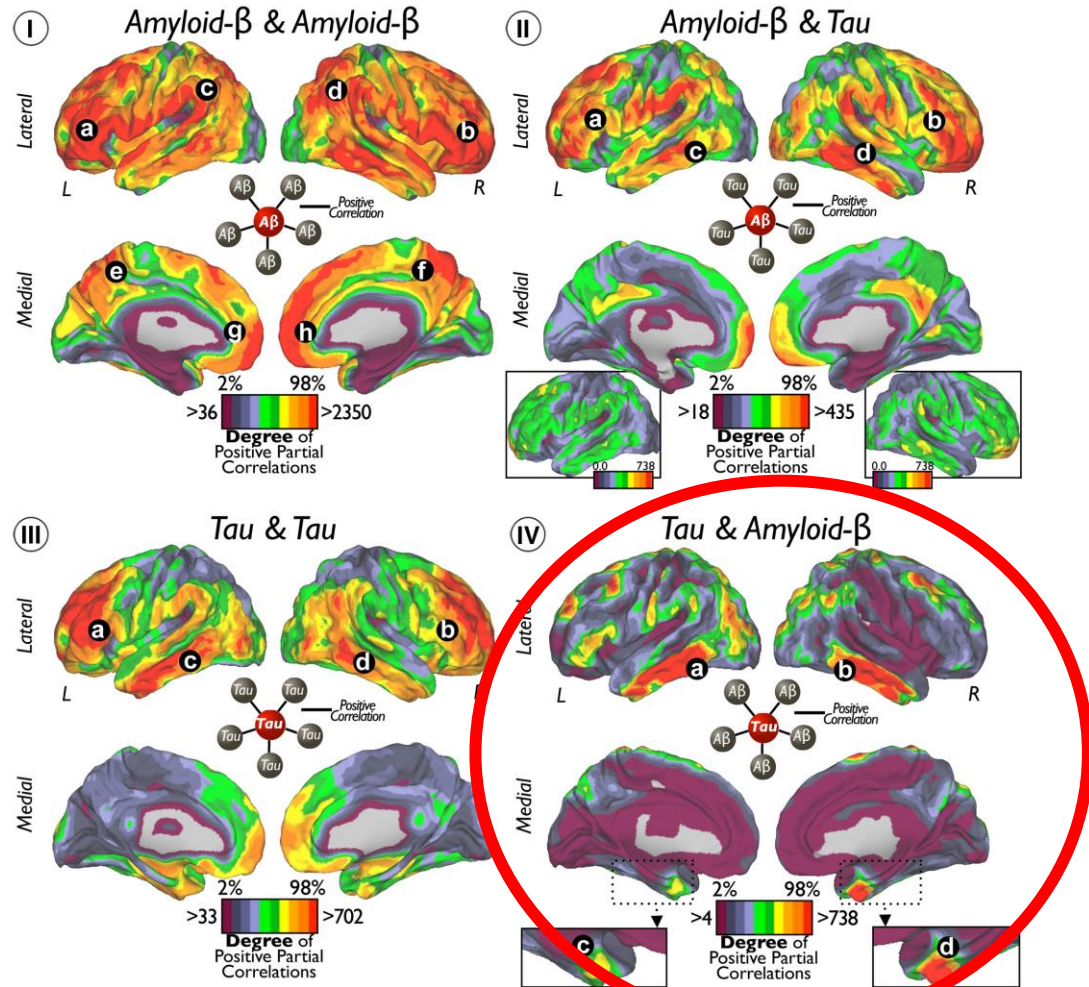


B Network specific tau-PET uptake

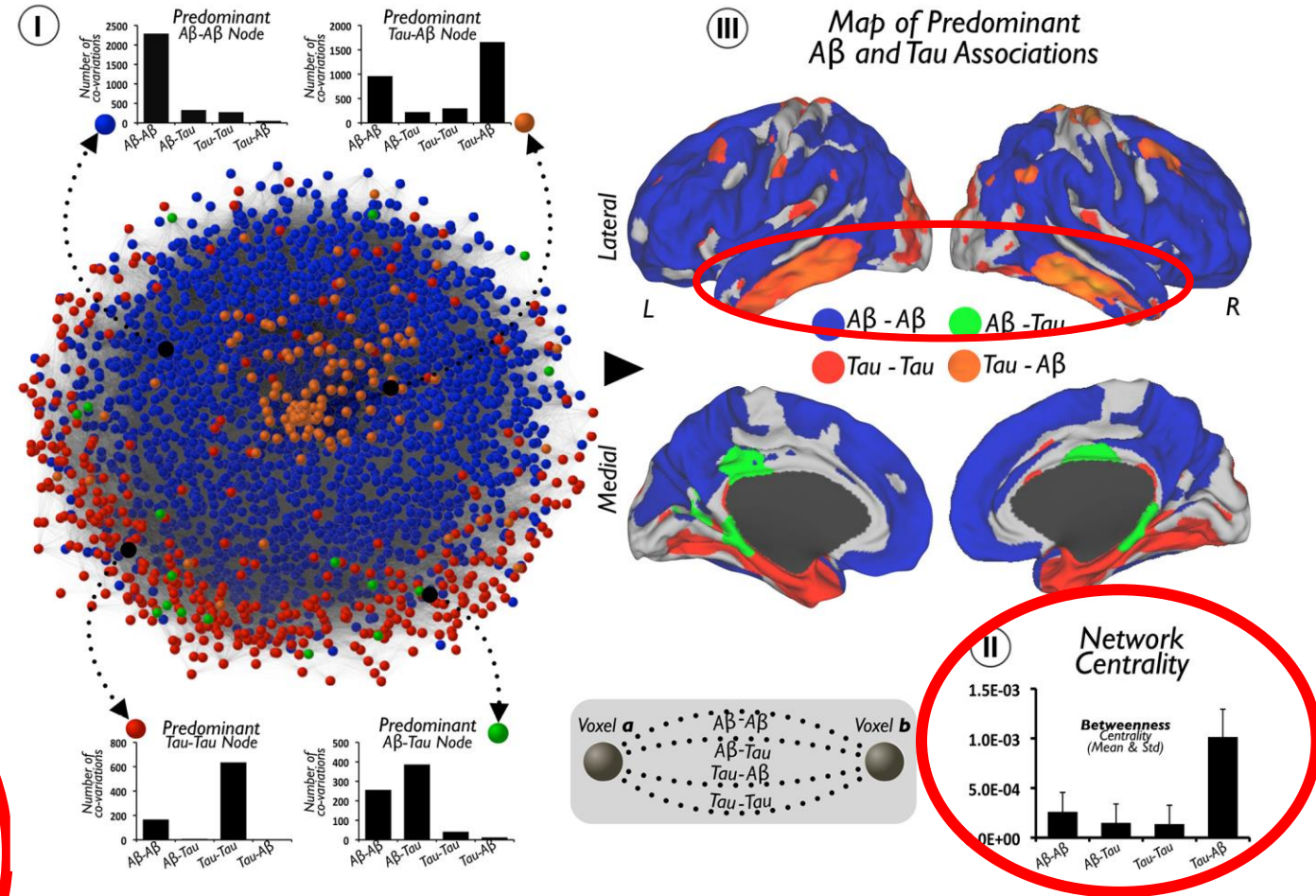


But the presence of A β might have an impact globally (independent from A β location) on the degree of tau accumulation especially in the inferior temporal lobe

Partial local-to-local and local-to-distributed within and between-modalities correlations



Hubs of **Tau** and **Amyloid- β** Network Interactions in Cognitively Normal Elderly



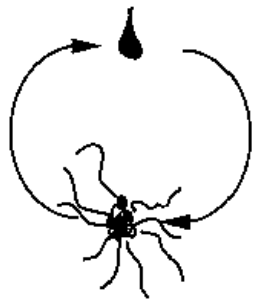
Tau accumulation in inferior-lateral temporal areas and entorhinal cortex that relates to massive A β elsewhere in the brain.



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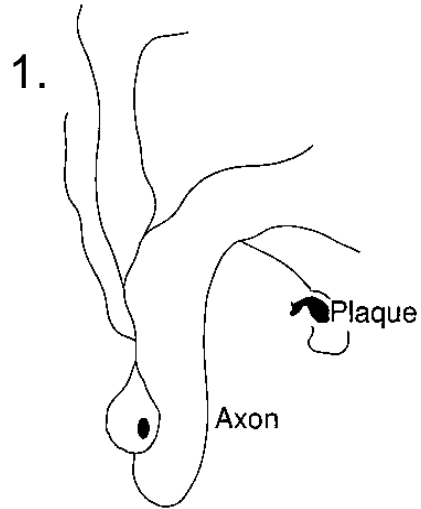
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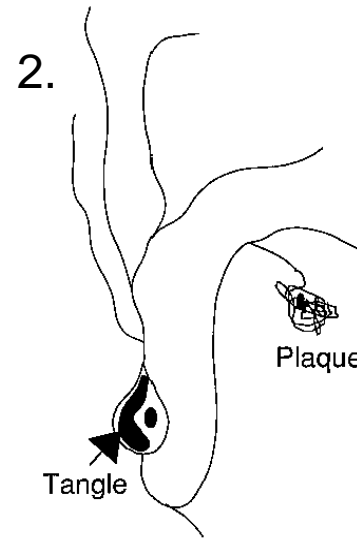
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plaques
that make
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Hypothesis 2

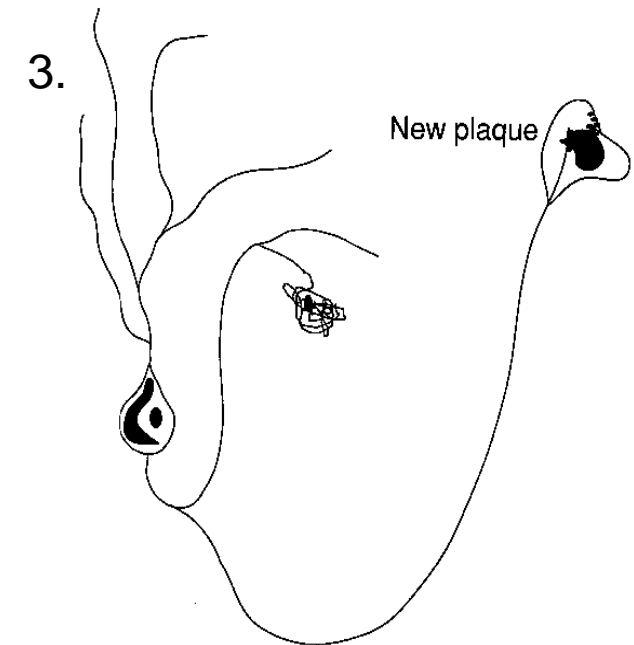
("plaques make tangles
that make plaques")



1. A plaque
attracts an axon



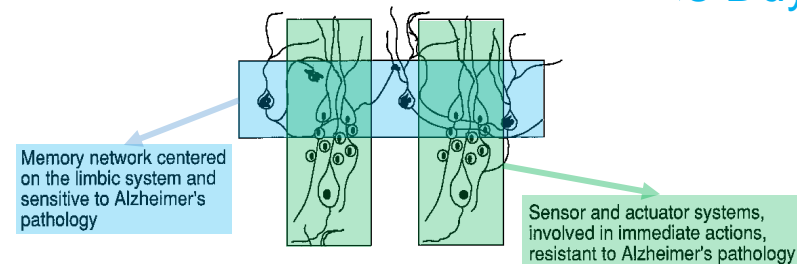
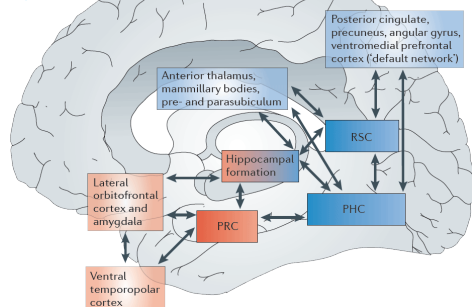
2. The neuron having axonal
connection with the plaque
develop tangles in its
perikaryon



3. The terminal part of the axon
of the tangle-bearing neuron
would be at the origin of a new
plaque

Take-home messages

- Tau pathology spreads within brain networks mainly affecting brain hubs = nodes with high weighted degree (global connectivity) consistent with the network degeneration hypothesis and network diffusion model (Raj et al., 2014; Yang et al., 2019)
- However, brain connectivity is not enough to predict tau spreading: the epicenter (= where the pathology starts) is also relevant (specific connectivity of Multu et al. 2017, and contribution of both baseline tau topography and brain connectivity in Franzmeier et al., 2020)
- A β has only limited influence on this characteristic spreading, promoting/ accelerating the process with maximum interactions in the inferior temporal lobe (Franzmeier et al., 2019; Sepulcre et al., 2016)
- The spatial and even microstructural (cellular) specificity of where the pathology starts is relevant (Bejanin et al., 2017; De Flores et al. neuropathologists and Charles Duyckaerts)



TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- The hippocampal region is the earliest region to be atrophied in AD with typical presentation (memory dominant)
- It is present in the prodromal and even asymptomatic stages
- Then it extends to the temporal neocortex, and cingulate, parietal and frontal brain regions → Atrophy topography in AD follows the sequence of NFT in AD
- Hippocampal atrophy can be assessed visually (e.g. using visual scales), with region-of-interest approaches (automatic techniques have been developed) and using automatic whole-brain (voxelwise or cortical thickness) techniques
- Hippocampal atrophy is useful to support the diagnosis of AD, but is not specific to AD
- (hippocampal) atrophy is useful to monitor the progression of the disease (it progresses as the disease and cognitive impairment progress)
- Hippocampal subfield volumetry may allow to increase specificity as the CA1 subfield seems to be more specifically involved (in early stages) → in development
- Hippocampal atrophy has distant functional effects and the specific hippocampal region to be altered is important as it would have distinct clinical/cognitive implications due to the differential connectivity across the hippocampus

DEMENCE – Définition – DSM5

La démence = *trouble neurocognitif majeur* dans le DSM-5: déclin cognitif qui compromet l'indépendance de la personne.

Les symptômes varient selon les types de démence dont le plus fréquent est la **maladie d'Alzheimer**.

Critères diagnostiques de la démence du *DSM-5**

1.Évidence d'un déclin cognitif significatif par rapport au niveau de performance antérieur dans un domaine cognitif ou plus (attention complexe, fonctions exécutives, apprentissage et mémoire, langage, perception-motricité ou cognition sociale) sur la base :

1. d'une préoccupation de l'individu, d'un informateur bien informé, ou du clinicien quant à un déclin significatif de la fonction cognitive ; et
2. d'un déficit de la performance cognitive, de préférence documenté par des tests neuropsychologiques standardisés ou, en leur absence, une autre évaluation clinique quantifiée.

2.Les déficits cognitifs interfèrent avec l'indépendance dans les activités quotidiennes (c.-à-d., au minimum, besoin d'aide pour les activités instrumentales complexes de la vie quotidienne telles que le paiement des factures ou la gestion des médicaments).

3.Les déficits cognitifs ne se produisent pas exclusivement dans le cadre d'un délirium.

4.Les déficits cognitifs ne sont pas mieux expliqués par un autre trouble mental (par exemple, le trouble dépressif majeur, la schizophrénie).

(*) DSM-5, Manuel diagnostique et statistique des troubles mentaux ("*Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*"), publié par l'*American Psychiatric Association* en 2013.

Spécificateurs

Sous-types de démence selon la cause

- maladie d'Alzheimer
- dégénérescence lobaire fronto-temporale (démence frontotemporale)
- maladie avec corps de Lewy (démence à corps de Lewy)
- maladie vasculaire (démence vasculaire)
- lésion cérébrale traumatique
- substance ou un médicament
- infection au HIV
- maladie à prion
- maladie de Parkinson
- maladie de Huntington
- autre condition médicale
- multiples étiologies (causes)
- non spécifié.

Comportements

Sans perturbation du comportement

Si la perturbation cognitive n'est pas accompagnée d'une perturbation du comportement cliniquement significative.

Avec perturbation du comportement

Si la perturbation cognitive est accompagnée d'une perturbation cliniquement significative du comportement (par exemple, symptômes psychotiques, perturbation de l'humeur, agitation, apathie, ou d'autres symptômes comportementaux).

Les **symptômes psychotiques** sont courants, en particulier au stade léger à modéré du trouble dû à la maladie d'Alzheimer, à la maladie à corps de Lewy et à la dégénérescence lobaire fronto-temporale. La paranoïa et d'autres délires sont fréquents et souvent un thème de persécution peut être un aspect important de l'idéation délirante. Les hallucinations, notamment visuelle mais impliquant aussi d'autres modalités, peuvent survenir.

Sévérité

- Légère** : difficultés avec les activités instrumentales de la vie quotidienne (par exemple, les travaux ménagers, la gestion de l'argent).
- Modérée** : difficultés avec les activités de base de la vie quotidienne (par exemple, l'alimentation, l'habillement).
- Sévère** : complètement dépendant.